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SUMMARY.

The naval guns of the besiegers set fire to buildings near Port Arthur arsenal on Tuesday, and they were still burning after nine hours.

Russian refugees who landed in a lifeboat at Wei-hai-wei admit that they stole the boat and escaped from Liao-ti-shan.

They state that there are less than 2000 efficient troops at Port Arthur, that 20,000 are sick and wounded, and that typhus is rife.

The sea forts at Port Arthur do not fire if the Japanese warships approach.

Deserters from the garrison are increasing in number.

The Japanese have captured the British steamer Tung-chan off Port Arthur. She had 20,000 cases of tinned meat aboard.

Japanese on Monday occupied a Russian bivouac ground north of Hu-sien-cheng, and repulsed a force which tried to recover it.

In this engagement 39 Russians were killed. The Japanese casualties numbered 29.

Military authorities at Harbin declare that the Japanese are recruiting Chinese and drafting them into the Japanese army.

They allege that at first the enlistment was at the rate of 7000 a day, but that it afterwards dwindled to 1000 a day.

Mukden advices state that 1500 mounted Mongols, officered by Japanese, are harassing Russian convoys.

The squadron which is to supplement the Baltic fleet has returned to the Skaw (Denmark) owing to heavy weather.

The "Novoe Vremya" suggests the despatch of another Russian squadron to the Pacific, including the best ironclads of the Black Sea fleet.

Owing to the behaviour of Russian sailors at Crete ladies walking in the streets of Canea had to take refuge in churches.

They were even afraid to appear at their own windows, drunken sailors being forcibly restrained from breaking into the houses.

The residents of Canea are furious. All the Russian deserters have been collected, and will be shipped by the next Russian squadron which calls at the port.

The Hon. James Roche was the commander of the torpedo-boat Caroline which was smuggled from the Thames to Libau.

Five submarine torpedo-boats have reached [illegible].

The "Russ" says that unless Russia combats British encroachments in South-eastern Persia Russia's movement southwards will come to naught.

Several trains were snowbound for 13 hours in England.

The Legislative Council yesterday carried the Mines Inspection Bill and the Pastures Protection Amendment Bill through committee.

The two Labour members who had been suspended during Wednesday's sitting of the Assembly were in their places in the chamber yesterday.

Wednesday night's scene, however, led to another, during which objectionable epithets were used.

Mr. Crick said he had received a letter from a solicitor announcing that action at law was to be taken against him by Mr. Estell.

The Premier stated that the Government would support the Chairman of Committees in the discharge of his duties.

The Minister for Lands delivered his second reading speech on the Closer Settlement Bill.

The House passed the Centennial Park Sale Bill, the opponents of the measure being Labour members.

In the Senate, Senator Smith moved that the Government should take steps to counteract German action in the Marshall Islands.

He said that if diplomatic methods failed to remove the German restrictions placed upon British trade retaliatory measures should be taken.

The Attorney-General said that, in view of the action taken by Mr. Reid, it was inadvisable to make threats at present, and the debate was adjourned.

A boat capsized off Bradley's Head yesterday, and Mr. James Danby, aged 52, was drowned.

A deputation of medical men protested to the Queensland Minister for Agriculture yesterday against there being only one delivery of milk on Sundays.

They declared that the milk under the one-delivery system would be less pure, and would lead to increased mortality amongst infants.

The work of blowing up the wreck of the schooner Elliston was commenced at Bellinger Heads on Wednesday.

The committee which investigated the risk of fires occurring in places of amusement reports that it has practically dealt with every theatre in Sydney.

The Postmaster-General intends to give preference to steamers which call at all the principal ports of the Commonwealth when the poundage system is in force.

The South Australian Parliament was prorogued yesterday. The House passed a bill dealing with sweating.

It is understood that the Queensland Government will propose to reduce the salary of the Governor and his private secretary from £5000 to less than £3500.

Mr. Justice Pring commented yesterday upon the frequency of the use of the revolver in Sydney, and said that drastic legislation upon the subject was necessary.

The Queensland Assembly has carried a motion condemning regulations which curtail the political privileges of persons employed by the State.

J. A. Ferguson is being tried at Cootamundra in connection with the Tumberumba gold robbery.

The Minister for Customs says that the failure of the Customs Department to unseal the stores of the American steamer Queen Helena is most regrettable.

There is, however, a serious conflict of testimony between the captain of the Queen Helena and the Customs officer concerned.

The Railway Commissioners have refused to receive a deputation from the Sydney Labour Council in reference to the electrical trades employees' grievances.

The Commissioners stated that they could not recognise the Labour Council in connection with the administration of the railways and tramways.

The Minister for Home Affairs says that the dispute over Goat Island may be settled either by a friendly suit in the law courts or by negotiation.

The Minister holds that Goat Island is portion of the transferred properties.

The secretary of the charities art union committee at Castlemaine resigned by direction of the Methodist Church authorities, he being a church officer.

The Sydney Labour Council carried a motion last night declaring Mr. Crick's statements regarding the taking up of land at Crickville to be inaccurate.

The population of Western Australia during the first ten months of the year increased by 15,192, mainly through immigration.

Destructive bush fires are raging on the South Coast, and outbreaks are also reported from other portions of the State.

The R.M.S. Omrah touched at Fremantle yesterday. Her mails will be delivered in Sydney on Wednesday.

The Victorian Legislative Council has shelved the bill which was designed to place further restrictions upon Chinese engaged in the furniture trade.

It is reported that the Betterment Bill will not be brought forward again during the present session of the Queensland Parliament.

The Stock and Share market was very brisk yesterday, and the prevailing tone was very firm.

The Mining market was active, good business being done in silver shares, though the changes were not important.

Considerable distributing business was done in the import market, although bulk transactions were few.

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OROTAVA	5858	Collins	Jan. 14	Jan. 17	Jan. 19
OROYA	6297	Jenks	Jan. 28	Jan. 31	Feb. 2
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TASMANIA.
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ANGLIAN, MONDAY, November 28, noon; and December 10.
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From HOBART.—ANGLIAN, DEC. 5, 15.
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THURSDAY ISLAND, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN	ARAMAC, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., December 6. (Transhipping at Brisbane.)
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By order of the Board.
FRANK G. HICKEY, Secretary.
31 Queen-street, Melbourne, 2nd November, 1904.

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By order of the Board.
JOHN BRANDON, Secretary.
47 Queen-street, Melbourne, 21st November, 1904.

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OF COURSE we have, as the saying goes, been PUTTING OUR BEST FOOT FOREMOST, and all that SPOT CASH and EXPERT KNOWLEDGE could do HAS BEEN DONE.

PEOPLE TALK ABOUT it, and no mistake; not only MEN and WOMEN, but boys and girls, and LITTLE CHILDREN.

ONLY THE OTHER DAY a lady and three LITTLE DAUGHTERS were getting into the RAILWAY TRAM at REDFERN STATION.
Said ONE LITTLE PRATTLER, looking over the O'SULLIVAN RUINS: "What a big PLACE THE NEW RAILWAY STATION'S GOING TO BE."
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"Yes," observed the third of the bunch, "DADDY said ANTHONY HORDERN'S New Shop would soon be open, and Daddy says EVERYONE SAYS ANTHONY HORDERN'S ought to have BUILT the RAILWAY STATION, then it would have BEEN DONE LONG AGO."

Then MAMMY gathered up her skirts, and HELPED THE CHILDREN into the car, saying to the conductor:—
"Put us down at ANTHONY HORDERN'S."

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

SYDNEY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.
SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY.
The City Council are now prepared to supply Electricity at short notice to all citizens requiring a supply in the following areas:—
The area bounded by Hyde Park, Circular Quay, Darling Harbour, and the Redfern Railway Station. Also in Harris-street, from George-street to John-street, Point-street, George-street West, Mary Ann-street, Liverpool-street, from Elizabeth-street to Oxford-street; Oxford-street as far as Darlinghurst Gaol; Bourke-street from William-street to Darlinghurst Gaol; Forbes-street from William-street to Woolloomooloo Bay; Macquarie-street South from Liverpool-street to Campbell-street; Crown-street from Oxford-street to Cleveland-street; William-street; Victoria-street, north of William-street; Macleay-street; Elizabeth Bay-road from William-street to Elizabeth Bay; Roslyn-street.
The Council desire to make it known that they have plenty of power available for the supply of all demands which are likely to arise, and that they are prepared to entertain favourably any proposition to supply Electricity in the city outside the streets named above, provided that there is reasonable demand for Electricity from the public, which will justify them in extending their main.
THOMAS H. NESBITT, Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Sydney, 24th November, 1904.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF ALEXANDER DEAN (Separate Estate), 42 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.
ALL CLAIMS against the above Estate must be rendered to me on or before THURSDAY NEXT, the 1st December, otherwise they will not be recognised.
ALBERT BORCHARD, F.S.I.A.,
Incorporated Accountant,
Equitable-buildings, George-street.
Sydney, 25th November, 1904.

PAINTER, Paperhanger, etc.—Paper hung, 8d roll, in any suburb. Decorator, 7 Glebe-rd, Glebe.

TO-MORROW.—GOOD and CHEAP ALLOTMENTS at Strathfield. Terms, Torrens, Lithos. R. and W., Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF JOSEPH ALBERT MARTIN, Storekeeper, Maclean, N.S.W.
A FIRST DIVIDEND at the rate of Six Shillings and Tenpence (6s 10d) in the £ in the above Estate is now payable at my office.
Promissory notes must be produced.
ALBERT BORCHARD, F.S.I.A.,
Incorporated Accountant,
Equitable-buildings, George-street.
Sydney, 25th November, 1904.

THIS is to certify that the PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between H. SCOTT and E. MARSDEN is this day DISSOLVED, E. Marsden, in consideration of value received, transferring all his right, title, and interest in the firm of the PYRMONT MEAT PRESERVING WORKS to H. Scott, H. Scott undertaking to receive and pay all accounts due to or by the firm.
(Signed) H. SCOTT, E. MARSDEN.

NOTICE is hereby given that I have this day sold my share and interest in the Partnership Business carried on by Lee Tee, Gone Some, Foo Lick, and myself at 133 George-st. West, under the name or style of J. War Sing and Co., fruiterers and greengrocers, to Gang Quay Hing, who with my late partners will continue to trade and carry on the said business under the same name and style as heretofore. All debts now due by and to the said firm will be paid and received by the present firm. WING TENG, Syd., Nov. 22, 1904.

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November 24, 1904.

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RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., 98 Pitt-st.

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(Continued from page 8.)

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ST. JAMES', King-st.—Bishop of New Guinea To-day at 1.25. Collection for the Mission.

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

GRASS FIRES.

A DANGEROUS SEASON.

At this period of 1903 the country was in a state of alarm, and serious outbreaks of fire were expected to sweep immense areas. Grass and other vegetation was high, and strong everywhere, and as the hot weather came in it was felt that, despite all precautions, very heavy losses must ensue. In no previous year had so much attention been given to ploughing and burning breaks. Right through the country at harvest time one saw evidence that almost all the landholders had done some work in the hope of checking and holding back fires. The insurance companies did large business in crop risks, and altogether farmers made their property as safe as their resources allowed. After all this the nature of the season turned the summer into one of very little risk. Though the grass is not so luxuriant this year, the risks are probably greater, and it will not be surprising if more serious outbreaks occur than were reported last year. The late rains and cool weather, which delayed the 1903-4 harvest, kept the vegetation green and moist at the roots, and though some serious fires spread over considerable areas the damage throughout the season was surprisingly light. This season there is a lot of grass, and the weather has been very dry and warm, so that unless rain falls everything will shortly be in a very inflammable condition.

The loss of grass will be a somewhat more serious matter, because the State is a little better stocked, and the summer promises to be a hard one in some parts of the back country, from which sheep may have to be moved before the rains come. Strange to say, very few crops are burned in any year. Last harvest there were a few very sad cases, in which farmers, who had taken nothing off in the previous year, lost very fine crops that had promised to retrieve their positions. On the whole, however, the crops escaped fire, though many fell before the storms. Farmers watch their crops closely when they are ripe and dry, and assistance usually being within sight of a smoke the most dangerous outbreaks are quickly beaten out.

Every year there is talk of the landholders organising to adopt more preventive measures, and to form large bodies of fire-fighters, which would be promptly available to deal with the flames. So far as beating out is concerned, there has always been very effective co-operation amongst settlers. There are no rules, and no membership, but when smoke is seen rising neighbours are not slow to abandon what they have in hand and make for the scene. It is probable, however, that in two ways improvement would result from the creation of fire-fighting societies. Proper appliances, such as light water carts, with sprinklers, and good supplies of bags on sticks or other beating implements might be provided. The great fires usually occur through a strong wind blowing from one quarter for a considerable time. Once a fire spreads out on a large "face" before such a wind, only burning ahead and letting the new fire burn back against the wind can avoid great losses.

It is in these great wide fires that live stock, crops, fencing, and even homesteads are lost, because the countryside becomes demoralised by the hopelessness of the position. Often the spread occurs through neighbours being unable to place the original outbreak; but if all felt bound by the obligations of an association to go any reasonable distance to reach a fire help would frequently prevent the blaze from spreading. Beyond a doubt, the preventive work, especially at the beginning of the summer, could be better carried out by co-operation than by the individual. If furrows were ploughed, or water carts used, a gang of neighbours and their labourers could carry wide breaks through and through a large district in a few days, working as soon as the grass would burn. A lot of this work is done now; indeed, the settlers are not by any means as careless as they are represented to be. All the same, a body of beaters can do much better than two or three men, and an association would provide that all holdings were made as safe as possible.

THAT SMALL ICE MACHINE.

Recently reference was made in this column to the possibility of introducing machinery which would enable producers to reduce cream or other produce to a required temperature. I outlined a system by which proper temperatures would be maintained at each stage from the separation of the cream to the placing of the butter before the consumer. The perfecting of such a system should be the next step of importance in the improvement of methods of making and carrying dairy produce. First of all comes the cooling apparatus on the farm, but of course it would be useless for the farmer to do the proper thing unless all others handling the product were equally careful and conscientious. Once the necessary machinery was available, the people commercially concerned, as well as the producer, could be regulated to a great extent by law. The regulations could provide that the produce should be at certain temperatures during certain stages, in the same way as the "certified" milk supply of New York, referred to by Mr. D. M'Fadyen yesterday, is regulated. The maintenance of proper temperature is a strong feature of that system. Since the publication of an article on the subject, the idea of householders being enabled to make their own ice has naturally aroused a great deal of interest, and a number of letters have been received. Dr. Cyril E. Corlette has devoted some attention to the matter as an interested amateur in cooling processes, and he sends the following observations:—"I note that the small machine makes 4.4lb of ice per hour, with a third of a horse-power. Paying fair wages, ice would be very expensive at this rate, and I doubt if it would pay for domestic purposes in Sydney. I am not quite certain, but according to my calculations, a water motor with a pressure of 80lb in the service one-eighth h.p. would cost a little over 2d per hour, with water at 1s per 1000 gallons, so about 9lb of ice would cost 4d, without allowing for trouble, depreciation, and interest on cost of motor. The large machine looks like a cheap producer, turning out practically 2cwt of ice per hour. It seems to be a little more 'fool proof' than some refrigerators, and so might be better for unskilled persons. However, if American manufacturers are free to make the new machine, why not Australian? I have been looking out for cheap means of cooling down an air supply in a system of forced ventilation, without making it moist, as would happen if I used a spray. This machine might do this, and supply the institution with ice at the same time, but I have decided to take an engineer's advice before sending to France. Petrol motors are now quite cheap, and they should be cheaper as stationary motors for a refrigerating machine."

On most farms the power could be provided by using horse works or treadmill, or a small engine. An engine requires a boiler, and steam and hot water are very useful on a well-managed dairy farm.

FERTILISING THE WHEAT CROP.

A very useful pamphlet has been issued by George Shirley and Co., showing the results attained by the judicious use of superphosphates and other fertilisers in many parts of the country. The names and addresses of an ever-increasing army of farmers, who use manures, are given, with the actual comparative yields of their crops. The principal increase in area under cultivation having been made by wheat-growers, it is but natural that the greatest stride in the practice of fertilising the plant has been made in the wheat country. Sound farm practice develops slowly in most new countries, but the application of superphosphates with the seed sweeps over the wheat districts, and increases the area treated by many thousands of acres in a single season. In the Murray River districts, and about Wagga, Coolamon, Temora, and other parts of the south and south-west, the demand for fertilisers has grown very rapidly. Two or three farmers tried it in one season, and in the next two or three hundred followed their example. The long tables, giving the quantity of manure per acre, the cost, the yields from manured and unmanured, and the balance in favour of the manured, show varying results; but the variations tend to prove that the actual profits on one crop of wheat are highest when a moderate quantity of manure is used, though the quantity should, of course, be regulated to the condition of the soil. The average is struck in the following terse statement:—Manure per acre, 51½lb; cost of manure, 2s 3¼d; manured crop, 26 bushels; unmanured, 15 bushels; balance in favour of manured, 11 bushels, worth, say, 2s 6d per bushel, £1 7s 6d; profit, £1 5s 2½d per acre on last year's crop. A few of the returns may be interesting, though, unless the same field, all in even condition, is used, it is difficult to say to what the variations are due. Mr. James, Stockinbingal: First lot manure, 60lb, cost 2s 7d, manured, yield 27s bushels; no manure, 17½ bushels; second lot manure, 40lb, cost 1s 9½d; manured yield, 26 2-3 bushels; unmanured, 17½ bushels. George Linden, Wagga: Manure, 56lb, cost 2s 5d; manured, yield 30 1-3 bushels; unmanured, 19½. Government Farm, Wagga: Manure, 60lb, cost 2s 9d; manured yield, 23½ bushels; unmanured, 16⅚. Tabulated results, showing certified returns, in oats, maize, potatoes, and other crops, are also included. A very useful table gives the railway freights in two-ton parcels to various parts of the State. It costs 13s 4d to carry a ton of manure from Sydney to Albury, 12s 7d to Wagga, 11s 4d to Orange; and so on.

THE NASAL FLY AT MEGALONG.

The Minister for Agriculture has received the following report from Mr. W. W. Froggatt with regard to sheep at Megalong, infected with the nasal fly:—"I beg to report that I visited Megalong and Gaylong, in the Blue Mountains, last week, to see how far this well-known European sheep fly was spread over the district. From information received, I believe that it was first noticed last year in one flock of sheep. This year a settler found that the heads of the last five sheep he killed contained from two to five well-developed larvae of the fly. The sheep were fat, and in good condition, and are hoggets. The life history of the fly, from the time it hatches from the eggs deposited in the nostril, until it is full grown and ready to change to the pupa (which it does after returning down the nose and being sneezed out by the unfortunate sheep), is about 10 months. As some of the larvae, or maggots, obtained by me appear to be nearly full fed, it is probable that they have been in the sheep's head six or eight months, and will probably pupate about New Year, so that the flies may be expected to appear in February or March. As nothing is known about the life history of this parasite in Australia, I should be very glad to obtain from stockowners specimens of any of the bots, or maggots, found in the head or on the ground; and of any fly found hovering round the sheep. Tarring the noses of the sheep in the infested country during the fly season is the only preventive that has been tried with any success in England."

THE NEW SETTLEMENT BILL.

Mr. J. C. Wilcox writes from Grafton:—On behalf of our selectors in the Grafton district, I wish to congratulate the Honorable Minister for Lands on his Closer Settlement Bill. If this Act is passed by Parliament, which seems quite safe, seeing the important vote given for its introduction, it means that hundreds of land applicants can come to the Clarence and start dairy farming on valuable land, which is now only used for fat stock breeding and grazing, and at very nominal rents paid for the back lands and unpurchased river frontages. The Grafton-Casino railway, now being completed, is within 15 miles of parts of these stations, and Copmanhurst, where the droghers call, is from 10 to 20 miles from these runs, and as these distances are so short in comparison with hundreds of other selectors, who are 30 to 40 miles from Grafton, it absolutely proves that the settlers will go on these lands when taken over and made available for selection. Not only in our district are runs held for stock only, but all over this State, and the time is arriving when land must be made available, so that our working population can go on it, with the assistance of the State Act. Now as regards perpetual leases. After over 25 years daily experience with our selectors, I must again congratulate the Minister for introducing the conditional purchase system, as they should have a chance of making the land freehold at some time, for the benefit of the families who have worked hard on the land in good and bad seasons. Our valuable main river frontages in the North Coast were selected with three and five years' residence conditions, and are worth to-day ten to twenty times a higher price. Why should we give the man who takes up back and poorer lands only a lease? Now as regards dummying, referred to in your journal, while no Act will stop this, even by the selector, you will find, in looking carefully into this matter, that when lands are specially taken over with a limit of areas and the present long-residence term, the selector is very rarely a dummy; in fact, to-day we have little or no dummying with land selectors in this district. The matter of throwing open reserves seems to give an impression to some that people can take up sufficient land, but, as happened a few weeks ago at Lismore, where reserves were made available for selection, as many as 40 applicants went to ballot, so that 39 are still without land that they required. This and many other cases on the North Coast only proves that the reserve areas are not sufficient to let the anxious selector take up lands. In taking over our stations, of course good values will be put on the freehold lands, which the squatter had to buy when they were worth very little, and the occupation licenses are also to be valued with the other important improvements, but still the prices can be again increased when the land is selected.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

The following statement shows the area of lands selected under the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act of 1903, up to the 23rd November, 1904:—

	Acres.
Homestead selections	489,106
Settlement leases	965,492
Conditional purchases	452,868
Conditional leases	1,175,079

The total area made specially available since the commencement of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act of 1903 for the 46 Lands Office days within the abovementioned period is 3,506,560 acres, and a total area of 3,082,545 acres has been selected. Part of the area taken up is land which was open to selection prior to the passing of the Amendment Act.

PIGS KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Mr. Thos. Malone, a farmer and dealer, residing near Corop, sustained a severe loss a few days ago during a thunderstorm, when his pig pens were struck by lightning. There were 33 pigs in the pens at the time, and all were destroyed, those which were not killed outright by the lightning being burnt to death as the pens were set on fire.

INTERESTING SELECTION CASE.

GRAFTON, Tuesday.

A case presenting some peculiar features was dealt with by the Grafton Local Land Board yesterday. A choice block of 111 acres had been thrown open to conditional purchase at the confluence of Wombat and Smotti's creeks, on the Upper Clarence. There were six applicants on the day that the land was made available, and two of these were ousted on the ballot. The board had to decide which of the remaining four was entitled to the land. Three of the applicants—Julius Davison, George Woods, and Julius M'Kee—applied for the block as an additional C.P., while Patrick Fahey applied for the area as an original C.P. The Act gives priority to the applicants who desire to acquire the land as an additional C.P., provided their original C.Ps. are not living areas, and that have or are fulfilling residence conditions. Davison's application was disallowed on the latter ground—that he had not resided on the basal C.P. Woods' application stood in a peculiar position. On ascertaining that the land was about to be thrown open, he selected an original C.P. of inferior land, knowing it did not comprise a living area, with a view of making it a basal C.P., in virtue of which he could apply for the 111 acres as an A.C.P. He admitted this was his intention, and the other applicants submitted that this was an endeavour to apply the provisions of the Act in a direction it was not intended. The board disallowed his application. M'Kee proved his bona fides in respect of his application that he had resided on the basal C.P., and that the latter did not comprise a living area. This, in law, gave his application priority over Fahey's. The board decided to direct survey of 40 acres of the block to M'Kee, but the latter would not accept a portion of the area, preferring that his application be disallowed unless he was allotted the whole. The board thereupon confirmed Fahey's application for the whole 111 acres. It may be mentioned that the district surveyor recommended that the land be granted to M'Kee.

BUSH FIRES.

MANILLA, Thursday.

Bush fires have occurred in various parts of the district. One spread to a wheat paddock at Durham Court yesterday, destroying 30 acres fit for stripping.

PAMBULA, Thursday.

Several farmers have lost a quantity of grass and fencing by bush fires, which still prevail.

THE FRUIT CROP.

ORANGE.—Drying winds continue to prevail, and the want of rain is beginning to have a prejudicial effect on the fruit crop. The mid-season cherries are now ripening, and the fruit, though fine of its kind, would be the better for a good downpour. Fruitgrowers who aim at the production of fine fruit are already watering their cherry trees. Of late years the curl-leaf disease has caused a comparative failure of the peach crop in this district, but this seems in a fair way of being remedied. For instance, at Mount Pleasant, the well-known orchard property of Mr. Sam. Hawke, the peaches were in such a bad way last year that the proprietor thought of grubbing the trees out, but spared them to see what remedial measures might accomplish; and this season, after spraying well with the Bordeaux mixture and a solution of soap, his trees have decent foliage, and carry a promising crop of fruit.

THE CROPS.

GULGONG.—Mr. John Tuxford has commenced reaping his wheat. He has a splendid crop, which he reckons at 15 bushels to the acre, but it is exceptional. No new wheat is offering here yet, but Mudgee offers 3s.

NARROMINE.—Haymaking has been finished. The quantity cut was small, farmers making only enough for their own needs. Harvesting is already in progress. Crops are very light, and the heat of the last fortnight has pinched the grain, in some cases slightly, in others seriously. Since the beginning of harvest some farmers have found traces of rust, but in every instance the damage caused has been slight. Not nearly so much labour is engaged this year owing to the more general use of harvesters.

NARRABRI.—Harvesting is in full swing. The wheat generally is a very fair sample. On Eulah and Bullawa Creeks, the primest samples have been grown, and as much as 30 bushels to the acre has been secured; but the average yield is about five bags. Several farmers who obtained samples from the Department of Agriculture have met with varied success in their experiments. Manitoba wheat sown with other samples will not be ripe for fully three weeks, while most of the others are ready to take off. Paspalum that was sown a few weeks ago has taken root, and appears admirably adapted to this district.

QUEANBEYAN.—Owing to the continued dry weather and high drying winds, most of the wheat crops are considered beyond hope. In many cases they are earing out, while not more than four or five inches in height. The maize and potato crops are also suffering from want of rain.

WINDSOR.—Over 20 tons of green peas have been despatched this season from the Richmond railway station.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

BRISBANE.—Information has been received from New South Wales to the effect that there is reason to believe that persons are in the habit of making fruit cases with a brand similar to that used by the Department of Agriculture there to indicate fruit that has been fumigated under the supervision of their officers. It has been decided, in consequence of this warning, to refuse admission in future to fruit imported into Queensland that purports to have been inspected in New South Wales unless accompanied by the certificate of the fruit inspector.

CARCOAR.—Mr. Hopkins, of Errowanbang station, finished shearing yesterday. The clip was one of the best ever sent from the property. Some of the Havilah station bred rams clipped 25lb and 21lb clean wool. There were less than 30 fleeces of tender wool in the whole clip.

LITHGOW.—Mr. Sandford estimates that during the past three weeks he has lost between 50 and 60 sheep through the ravages of the bot fly. The sheep have dizziness of the head, and are unable to eat. After two or three days they succumb. When opened the bot fly has been found on the brain. In some cases the sheep die within a shorter period. It is stated that another owner has lost a number of sheep through the same cause.

NOWRA.—Properties at Cambewarra, in the estate of the late Mr. Samuel Matthews, were sold at auction on Saturday by Messrs. Stewart and Morton. Farming lands, 225 acres, sold up to £13 10s per acre; and a town block, with store thereon, realised £600. The sales totalled £3150.

PAMBULA.—Owing to the large quantities of wool arriving from Monaro and extra steamer is running to Merimbula.

QUEANBEYAN.—Shearing has been finished at several sheds in the district, the clip being excellent and heavy.

TAMWORTH.—According to reports received by the Pastures Protection Board the majority of the settlers seem to be fighting the rabbit pest by hunting, shooting, and destroying harbours. Some burn off after the harvest. An area of 17 acres 2 roods 3 perches has been measured on the oval and adjoining lands, and the Minister for Lands has approved of the necessary steps being taken to dedicate the area for a showground, public recreation, and athletic sports ground.

THE TWEED SHOW.

MURWILLUMBAH, Thursday.

The second day of the Tweed show passed off successfully. Special trains and steamers brought large numbers of visitors from down river and railway centres. The attendance was about 3000, and the gate takings exceeded those of last year by £20. The pavilion exhibits were below the standard of previous years excepting farm produce. There was a splendid show of dairy cattle. The hunting contest and wood chopping events evoked the greatest interest from a spectacular point.

The following awards were announced:—

Durham bull, 3 years and over: Mr. Gray's Perfection. Do., 2 years and under 3: Sharp. Do., 1 year and under 2: Reading. Cow, 3 years and over: Dudgeon. Do., 2 years and under 3: Dudgeon. Jerseys.—H. O'Meara won in all classes. Ayrshires.—Livingston and Lee were the winners. Dairy Cattle, any breed—Bull, 3 years and over: Mr. Livingston's Sir William. Do., 2 years and under 3: Thomas Campbell. Cow, 3 years and over, milking: Dixon Cooke. Do., dry: Gerald O'Connor. Champion cow: Mr. Dudgeon's Beauty. Champion bull: Mr. Livingston's Sir William. Pens of 3 cows and heifers: Dudgeon was winner in four classes, and Johnston Bros. won in the fifth. Butter fat, prizes, first £8, second £5, for cow yielding the most commercial butter in 24 hours: Mr. Dudgeon's Violet and Gentle. The former yielded 60½lb milk on a 3.2 test, yielding 6lb butter, and test in the morning was 4.6 and in the evening 5. Gentle yielded 65½lb milk, and 2.8 test, yielding 9lb butter. The test in the morning was 3.4, and in the evening 4.6.

Pig exhibits showed an improvement on last year, Dyer obtaining certificates for champion boar and sow.

Sugarcane exhibits were poor and scanty.

Soegard (scratch) won the wood-chopping contest; Hall (6s), 2.

Hunters: First prize was won by Miss Armstrong's Alick, and second prize C. Jarvis's Paleface. High Jump: Jarvis's Dictator.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

COBAR.—4500 ewes and 250 rams, from Kerribree to Conoble.

GOONDIWINDI (Q.).—Mixed sheep, Gunnee to Tandawanna, Chapman, Blithe, and Co.; 129 horses, Callandoon to Singleton, Moxham Bros.

GLEN INNES.—Forty-nine horses, Warroo to Werris Creek, Thomas Bowra; 9 cows, Glenlyon (Q.) to Mingoola, R. Lillicrap; 2500 ewes, Welltown to Glendon, Cramsie Brothers; 500 wethers, Dobikin to Inverell, W. M. Borthwick; 1125 mixed sheep, Careunga to Guyra, R. Borey; 1110 wether hoggets, Benarbe to Eddy Park, Inverell, P. R. Eddy; 750 mixed sheep, Tarban to Mingoola, J. Ferguson; 2000 mixed sheep, Swanbrook to Trevallyn, G. W. Munsie; 350 rams, Walhallow to Wellshot, N.Z. and M.A. Company; 700 wethers, Nullamanna to Clifton, S. Gall; 1 bull, Deepwater to Armidale, W. J. Hawke; 62 fat bullocks and cows, Myall Downs to Flemington, W. T. Cadell; 60 fat bullocks, Deepwater to Flemington, W. T. Cadell; 56 mixed cattle, Glen Innes to Stanbrook, Murray Brothers.

WALGETT.—5794 wethers, from Chancedale to Gragen, Gordon Bros., owners; 5500 ewes, Milroy to Tamworth, A. B. Biddulph; 300 fat bullocks, Charlton to Sydney, J. Fitzpatrick; 5200 ewes, Talawanta to Nevertire, A. Stafford; 7000 ewes, Yarrowin to Binneguy, Manchee Bros., owners.

WAGGA.—1000 fat lambs, Wagga to Melbourne, John Cook, owner; 1519 ewes and wethers, Ivor to near Euabalong, via Temora, P. Boynton; 190 cattle, West Temora to Albury, D. O'Keefe; 122 merino rams, Eunonyhareenyha to Poon Boon, A. M. L. and F. Co.; 1092 ewes, wethers, and rams, Egan Creek to Urana, W. A. M'Geoch; 580 fat wethers, Eunonyhareenyha to Flemington, A. M. L. and F. Co.; 200 fat merino wethers, Oak View to Flemington, M. Flynn; 41 horses, Wagga to Wodonga, A. Gilder; 2138 sheep, Marra to Wood Park, executors of late R. Cox; 626 fat wethers and 63 fat bullocks, Pomingalarna to Melbourne, Morris and Wilkins; 568 fat wethers, Eunonyhareenyha to Melbourne, A. M. L. and F. Co.; 756 crossbred wethers, Borambola to Melbourne, Anglis and Co.; 29 horses, Gobbagumbalin to Melbourne, A. Gilder; 1000 ewes, Millbank to Echuca, E. and W. Morton; 650 crossbred hoggets, Ashalleck to Geelong, Geelong freezing works.

RANDWICK, Gray's Estate.—Frontages to Coogee Bay-rd and Judge-st. To-morrow. R. and H.—Advt.

CHATSWOOD, Havilah Estate, close to station.—Torn., easy trms. Auc. To-morrow. Raine-Horne.—Advt.

NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

The President took the chair at 4.30 p.m.

THIRD READINGS.

The Sydney Harbour Rates Bill, Navigation Amendment (Regulations) Bill, Municipalities Electric Light Bill, and the State Debt and Sinking Fund Bill, were read the third time, and returned to the Assembly.

HABITUAL CRIMINALS BILL.

On the motion of Mr. Wise, leave was given to bring in a bill to deal with habitual criminals. He said that the measure was identical in its provisions with that introduced last session. The bill was brought in and read the first time. The second reading was made an order of the day for Thursday next.

SMOKE NUISANCE ABATEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Dr. CULLEN moved the second reading of this bill, and explained that the object was to amend the existing Act, which was now out of date, so as to provide greater facilities, where nuisances arising from smoke existed, to sheet home the negligence to the persons responsible for them. He introduced the measure at the request of the Lord Mayor of Sydney, who said that the Municipal Council of Sydney had fully inquired into the matter.

Sir NORMAND MACLAURIN asked whether the bill applied to Government buildings, for they were very often the greatest cause of the nuisance complained of.

Dr. CULLEN said that it did not, nor was the Crown affected by the original Act.

Mr. MEEKS moved the adjournment of the debate for a week, but the motion was negatived on division by 14 to 13.

The motion for the second reading of the bill was agreed to. The House having gone into committee, Clause 4, "Evidence of breach," was postponed, and on the motion of Sir Normand MacLaurin, a new clause was passed to the effect that the Crown should be bound by this and the principal Act. Progress was then reported, and leave given to sit again on Tuesday next.

CENTENARY PARK SALE BILL.

This bill was received from the Assembly, and read the first time.

MINES INSPECTION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. FLOWERS moved the second reading of this bill, and said that practically it referred only to the Broken Hill mines. It was in no sense a compulsory matter, but was one of agreement between the employers and the men in order to legalise the deductions from the wages of the miners to pay the check waymen and checking clerks.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was passed through committee without material amendment. The third reading was fixed for Tuesday next.

PASTURES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

This bill was read the second time, and passed through committee without amendment. The third reading was made an order for Tuesday next.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 6.30 p.m., adjourned till 4 o'clock on Tuesday next.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

CORAKI CATHOLIC LANDS BILL.

On the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan a bill to enable the Right Rev. Dr. Doyle and other trustees to sell certain land at Coraki, and to invest the proceeds therefrom, was read the first time, and referred to a select committee.

CENTENARY PARK SALE BILL.

On the Premier's motion for the third reading of this bill, Mr. Griffith moved its recommittal.

Mr. NEILSEN pointed out that the money was not earmarked in the bill for the purpose of reducing the Centenary Park loan.

The PREMIER said he found that it was not necessary to particularly specify that in the bill, because the money was under the control of Parliament.

Mr. GRIFFITH said that, after the Premier's explanation, he would withdraw his amendment.

The third reading was agreed to on division by 46 votes to 17, the minority being Labour members' votes. The bill was sent to the Legislative Council.

CORONERS' COURT BILL.

The debate on the second reading of this bill was resumed.

The bill was read the second time. It was then committed, and the Attorney-General secured amendments providing that inquisitions should be held by a coroner and a jury of six on the following conditions:—(a) At the request of a relative of the deceased, (b) or secretary of any society or organisations of which deceased was a member at the time of his death, and (c) or by order of the Minister for Justice. The date of the bill coming into force was fixed for December 1, 1904.

The bill was reported, with amendments.

DENTAL HOSPITALS' UNION BILL.

This bill was received from the Legislative Council, and on the motion of the Premier was read the first time.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.

The report of the second reading debate on this bill will be found elsewhere in this issue.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 11.10 p.m. adjourned until 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

NEW NOTICES.

Mr. Cohen to move for leave to bring in a bill to amend the law and to simplify and amend the practice of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Carruthers to move for Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a bill to divest the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage of certain lands; to vest them in the borough of Paddington for the purpose of constructing and opening certain public ways.

Mr. Ashton to move,—That this House approves of the purchase of 58,934 acres 2 roods 13½ perches, more or less, of the private land known as the Myall Creek Estate, under a contract to be made by the Secretary for Lands, being the Minister administering the Closer Settlement Act, 1901, at the price at which the estate has been offered to the Crown by the owners, namely, £2 11s 6d per acre for the land and the improvements thereon, subject to the deductions in the said Act mentioned.

R.M.S. OMRAH AT FREMANTLE.

FREMANTLE, Thursday.

The R.M.S. Omrah arrived from London and ports at 5.45 o'clock this morning. She brings the following passengers:—

For Adelaide: Mr. and Mrs. Dyer Edwards valet and maid, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland, Mr. and Mrs. Giles, Messrs. J. Murphy, J. Findley, G. Holt, Mrs. Holden.

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For Sydney, from London: Miss H. E. Watt, Dr. Mrs. and Miss Eadie, Captain and Mrs. Williams maid and 2 children, Mr. E. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. W. King, Dr. and Mrs. Sly and 4 children, Mr. Mrs. and Misses Winter, Paymaster A. R. Ireland, R.N., Lieutenant H. G. Sir R. and Lady Tangye and Maid Misson, Miss Rothwell, McDonald, Rankin, Messrs. H. C. Clift, W. L. Newman, F. S. Isaacs E. Moore, C. S. Fraser, W. L. Niven, R. L. Bulkely, Captain Mounsey, Heyshan, Mr. and Mrs. G. Carrick, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Platt, Mr. J. Henderson, R.N., Mrs. Fletcher, Dr. A. P. Coker, Mrs. Pattison, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. E. A. Cook and 4 children, Misses Tucker (2), Mr. Mrs. Miss (and maid) Wright, Mrs. Strale, Mr. and Mrs. Piole child and infant, Mrs. J. A. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. Downing and child, Messrs. H. Pilley, A. C. Weller, A. Cornford, H. H. Hayhew, D. M. McLean, J. Carroll, J. H. Davenport, A. H. Euston, W. J. Smart, P. Murphy, A. Fraser, G. Davenport, H. J. Pope, E. Hall, C. R. Fell, J. McIndoe, Rev. E. Bergin, Rev. J. Bowir, Rev. J. Kelly, Rev. A. T. Robinson, Captain Dorham, Dr. A. N. Foll, Bishop of Brisbane and 2 servants, Mrs. and Misses Rosewarne, Mr. and Mrs. F. Clearken, Mrs. Applebee, Miss O'Shaughnessy, Bennett, J. Russell, Julius, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. Hookham, Mr. and Misses (2) Polkinghorne. From Naples: Dr. T. B. Walley, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stone Wigg, Messrs. P. Bryant, C. W. Fraser, J. Reid, J. F. Jaguesch, Rev. J. C. Meagher, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Mason, Misses Gibbs (2) and nurse, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Mackie. From Colombo: Misses Holroyd, Smith, and Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson. From Marseilles: Messrs. C. H. Bruce, M. Billiet, R. MacDonald, R. B. Ronald, W. H. Cromley, J. Wild, D. H. Fullarton, T. L. Dawson, Misses Billet, Keep, Penson, Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Miss Minness, Dr. W. Kingston, Fyfe, Commander J. E. Drummond, R.N., Mrs. and Miss R. Browne, Mr. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fleming, Rev. J. Lundie.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

SOUTH COAST.

BEGA, Thursday.

An accident of a serious nature happened to a little boy named Bottomley. His father was bringing a load of wood into town, and seated the lad between the end of the load and the tailboard. The load slipped backwards, jamming the boy against he tailboard. His thigh was crushed, and he was injured internally.

EDEN, Thursday.

At the annual meeting of the Eden Progress Association, the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Mr. G. R. Phillips; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. J. Moorhead and J. Robinovis; treasurer, Mr. F. J. Keon; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Ryder.

BLOWING UP A WRECK.

BELLINGER HEADS, Thursday.

The work of blowing up the wreck of the three-masted schooner Elliston was commenced yesterday, dynamite being used. Much difficulty was experienced in putting in a charge. The first shot fired blew away the stern and after part, bringing down the mizzen mast. The foremast and main mast were both pulled out. Unless the hull is blown up it will be dangerous to shipping, as there is nothing to mark where the wreckage lies.

FIRES.

QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.

A large shed and its contents were destroyed by fire at Back Creek. The property was owned by Mr. J. J. Reid. The conflagration was due to children exploding the heads of matches with a toy pistol.

DISCOVERY OF SILICA SAND.

LITHGOW, Thursday.

Experiments are being carried out at the local steel furnaces with silica sand discovered recently at Eskroy, between Bowenfels and Marangaroo. Hitherto it was necessary to import the silica used in the manufacture of steel, but if the local article is a success it will prove of much service.

DARLING RIVER FALLING.

WALGETT, Thursday.

The river is falling rapidly. The steamer Wandering Jew, with wool from Suttor's scour, is now blocked on the down stream trip at a point about midway from Dangar Bridge.

THE CHURCHES.

BOWRAL, Thursday.

The 11th anniversary of the local Y.W.C.A. was celebrated on Tuesday night. Mr. D. Rutherford presided. Addresses were delivered by Lady Renwick and Mrs. Birks, presidents of the Sydney and Adelaide branches respectively. The annual report showed that £25 was paid during the year off the building fund debt, which now stands at £275.

CORAKI, Thursday.

A tablet was last night unveiled in St. John's Presbyterian Church to the memory of the late Rev. John Strang, who for 10 years occupied the position of pastor to the local charge. The ceremony was performed by the present pastor, the Rev. D. Allen, assisted by the Rev. M. Kirkpatrick.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

A sale of gifts and work was opened this afternoon in the church hall in connection with the Ladies' Guild of St. Saviour's Cathedral. Advantage was taken of the occasion to officially welcome Bishop Barlow back to his diocese. Archdeacon Bartlett having expressed the gladness felt at the return of the Bishop, Mr. A. M. Betts, senior member of the Cathedral council, read an illuminated address, which was presented to the Bishop from the diocesan Cathedral councils. The Bishop expressed his appreciation of the kindness shown him. The mayoress, Mrs. Costley, then opened the sale.

LITHGOW, Thursday.

A fancy fair in aid of the new Church of England building fund has been opened here by the Rev. E. Lampard, of Blackheath, and has so far proved successful.

MANILLA, Thursday.

The new Methodist Church was opened at Borah by the Rev. G. Cocks, president of the synod, who is visiting Manilla, Barraba, Warialda, and other towns.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The net profit of the recent fair in aid of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was £163 6s 4d. The gross takings amounted to £179 15s 9d.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

COOTAMUNDRA, Thursday.

At the quarter sessions to-day, Mr Merewether was Crown Prosecutor. Neil M'Ginlay pleaded guilty to forging and uttering a cheque on October 29 at Lockhart, and was sentenced to two years and six months in Goulburn Gaol, with hard labour. The prisoner altered a shearing cheque of £2 11s 9d to £20 11s 9d. There were several previous convictions against him. William John Robertson pleaded guilty to maliciously wounding at Wagga on November 1, and was sentenced to six months' hard labour in Goulburn Gaol.

FORBES, Thursday.

For the purpose of raising funds necessary for improvements to the cricket ground a fancy dress cricket match was held this afternoon and a promenade concert in the evening. It is expected that £25 will be realised.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

The Crookwell train yesterday conveyed the record goods load since opening of the line. There were thirteen trucks, nine of which were loaded with wool.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The pupils of West Tamworth Superior Public School gave a concert in the Central Hall last night for the purpose of obtaining funds to purchase the material required under the new syllabus. During the evening the cantata "Fairy Queen" was produced.

DEPUTATIONS.

LADY ROBINSON'S BEACH ROAD.

The Rockdale Council, by a deputation, asked the Minister for Works yesterday for £500 for the repair of Bay-street, which is the main thoroughfare to Lady Robinson's Beach, and is used by pleasure-seekers from outside the borough. The council would undertake to assist in effecting repairs. The Minister admitted the importance of the road and the great amount of traffic on it. An officer would inquire if repairs could be done at a moderate cost.

BATHURST SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

The matter of providing a sewerage system for Bathurst was brought under the notice of the Minister for Works yesterday by a deputation from the local council. In 1900, Mr. Davis made a report for the department in regard to a gravitation scheme for part of the city and for a pumping one for the remainder. It was asked that a modified and cheaper system be arranged, and that it should not be a pumping one. The council had decided to carry out the project and would finance it. It was asked if the council undertook to construct the sewerage works, would the Government provide the money and charge interest. The Minister said that could not be done. Mr. W. Young, M.L.A., advocated the adoption of the Liernuir system in preference to the water carriage scheme. The Minister said an officer would report upon the matter.

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BIRTHS.

LORD.—November 22, at Narrabri, the wife of R. H. Lord, Eurimbla, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

ALLEN—YOUNG.—November 23, at St. John's Church, Darlinghurst, by the Rev. E. C. Beck, George Norman, third son of the late A. M. Allen, of Sydney, to Ethel Maud, third daughter of the late W. Young and Mrs. Young, of Canberra, Queanbeyan.

DEATHS.

FROST.—November 24, at Kembla Heights, near Wollongong, Adam Frost, aged 66 years.

HARDGE.—November 24, at her grandparents' residence, Elfield, Boulevard, Strathfield, Nellie Gladys Hardge, aged 3 years and 5 months, only beloved daughter of Anthony and Nellie Hardge, late of South Africa.

JARMAN.—November 24, at his residence, corner Ferris-street and Reserve-street, Annandale, Henry, the dearly loved husband of Elizabeth Jarman, aged 54 years.

JESSOP.—November 24, at the residence of her son, Samuel-street, St. Peters, Ann Dyson Jessop, relict of the late William Jessop, in her 84th year.

KERR.—November 24, Doreen, infant daughter of M. L. and M. Y. Kerr, New Canterbury-road, Petersham.

LANE.—November 18, Kelvin Bennett, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lane, Belgrave-street, Kempsey, aged 8 months.

M'KENZIE.—November 24, 1904, at the residence of her son-in-law, William M'Call, No. 550 Darling-street, Rozelle, Elizabeth Barclay M'Kenzie, in her 78th year. By request no flowers.

ROBBERDS.—November 24, 1904, at his residence, Estcourt, Summer Hill, Robert William Robberds, solicitor, aged 84 years. By request no flowers. Funeral leaves Estcourt at 1.45 this day by road for Rookwood.

THOMAS.—November 24, 1904, at his residence, 3 Denman-street, Glebe, George, sixth son of Thomas John Thomas. No flowers.

IN MEMORIAM.

BRISBANE.—In sad but loving memory of my dear mother, who fell asleep November 25, 1901.

Though the loving voice is silenced,
And the true heart cease to beat,
Yet we miss the well-known footstep,
And the form we used to greet.

Inserted by her loving son, George Brisbane.

BRISBANE.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our mother, Mary Jane Brisbane, who died on 25th November, 1901. Inserted by her loving husband and children. Gone, but not forgotten.

BUCHAN.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear wife, Louisa Buchan, who departed this life November 25, 1904. Inserted by her loving husband, William Buchan.

BUCHAN.—In sad but loving remembrance of our dear mother, who departed this life November 25, 1904. Inserted by her loving children, William, Alice, Alex., and Laura.

CLARKE.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Clarke, who passed away November 25, 1894. Though lost to sight, to memory ever dear. Inserted by her loving children.

COURTNEY.—In loving memory of our dear grandfather, William Courtney, who departed this life November 25th, 1903. Inserted by his loving grandchildren, Carrie, Annie, Nellie, and Harry Courtney.

DUNN.—In loving memory of my dear father, Martin Dunn, who departed this life November 25th, 1903. Inserted by his loving daughter, Lena Dunn. Melbourne papers please copy.

KATTE.—In sad but loving memory of our dearly loved wife and mother, Emily Jane Katte, who departed this life November 24, 1901, aged 26 years. Inserted by her loving husband and children, Victor, Harold, and Gladys Katte, also her mother-in-law, sisters-in-law, and brothers-in-law, Minnie, Elsie, Horace, and Leslie Katte.

MINTER.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear son, William John Minter, who departed this life November 25, 1903. Inserted by his loving mother and sisters, Susie, Ada, and Annie.

PAULSON.—In affectionate remembrance of my dearly beloved wife, Hetty, who departed this life November 25, 1901, aged 24 years. Beloved by all.

SHAUL.—In fond and loving remembrance of our only son, George Shaul, who was accidentally drowned at Mitchell-road, Alexandria, November 25, 1898, aged 11 years and 2 months.

Again comes round amidst our gloom
The month of bitter woe,
When one we loved by death removed
From earth was forced to go.

Inserted by his loving parents.

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THE CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.

Mr. Ashton's speech last night in moving the second reading of his Closer Settlement Bill was, as everybody expected it would be, a model of concise explanation. He spent some time in detailing the principal provisions of his measure, and his remarks will be accepted as a lucid declaration of the policy of the Government in regard to the closer settlement of people on the land. It is fortunately the case that all parties are agreed in the desirability of the object which Mr. Ashton's bill seeks to attain. The advantages of the principle have been preached in season and out of season, and to-day there is not a thinking person in New South Wales who does not recognise the importance of the establishment of settlers who will, it is confidently believed, benefit the State whilst they do good to themselves. To praise the principle of closer settlement is now a work of supererogation, and much of the time which was devoted last night to this ornamental but useless exercise might more profitably have been spent in the perhaps sordid but always necessary consideration of pounds, shillings, and pence. Where is the money for the purchase of estates for closer settlement to come from? Are we to borrow it or to pay for our closer settlement out of revenue? Is there any limit to the amount which may be spent each year? Are we, for instance, to be content with the £500,000 limit of New Zealand, or is the amount to depend on the taste and fancy of Ministers under the guidance of Parliament?

Finance, which is the head and front of politics, at any rate in new countries, has special importance in regard to resumptions of land in this State. That would be the case if New South Wales commanded the high esteem in financial circles of which she was deprived by the foolish extravagance of the Lyne-See Administration. Situated as she is, the pounds, shillings, and pence element has to be regarded in any measure for the advancement of the country. This is just the one thing which Mr. Ashton refrained from elucidating. The public now knows all about the Government proposals for the closer settlement of the people; about how valuations are to be made and by whom, about the undoubted benefits which would follow from the planting of sturdy citizens on lands close to markets, good roads, and railways. The public is prepared also to affirm by a large majority that settlements of the kind should be freehold rather than leasehold, if only to encourage the settler in his troubles by the consciousness that every bit of work he puts into the ground, every improvement added to his holding, every saving effected—that all goes to the establishment of a home of his own: something that is really his, and from which he cannot be ousted at the will of his landlord. And for further argument, because on a freehold or promised freehold he can get money cheaper and more easily than on leasehold. The benefits which Mr. Ashton's bill promises are undoubted. By virtue of this measure thousands of acres which now lie idle, or are not so productive as they might be in different circumstances, may be turned into valuable holdings for men now landless, and without clear use for their labour and their small capital. But the project demands the expenditure of money, and large sums of money in many cases. Where is this money to come from? Possibly the Premier will enlighten us in the course of the debate.

GOAT ISLAND.

The announcement by Mr. Carruthers that the State has received peremptory notice to quit Goat Island on the last day of the present month will come as an unpleasant surprise to New South Wales. The historic little spot might be allowed to drift into Federal ownership without much comment if it actually was needed by the Commonwealth, and the matter was one of amicable understanding between the parties concerned. Even then we stand to give a good deal and to gain very little. It seems impossible to expect any early settlement in respect to properties transferred, and in many cases the fact that the Commonwealth has intervened prevents the State from taking advantage of legitimate opportunities. The case of the Victoria Barracks is in point. Here we have a large area of land in the heart of a thickly populated municipality, which if this State had been free to move would probably have been by now realised upon at great profit. A suburban area would be even more suitable for military purposes, yet attempts at a mutual arrangement hang fire. Thus we have not in the past much promise of future liberal treatment at the hands of the Federal authority. Indeed, the real unpleasantness of Mr. Carruthers's admission of a "notice to quit" arises from the light it throws on the general question involved. It was, of course, a necessary condition that certain properties should become vested, as for instance for defence purposes, in the Commonwealth. But it has quickly become apparent that the Federal departments are inclined to take too extended a view of their rights under this provision. It will be remembered that during the Barton regime Sir John See and Sir William Lyne had a passage of arms over this very question. Sir John strenuously opposed the Federal demand for the park land adjoining the Dawes Point battery. Finally, however, the general impression was—and nothing up to now has become known to the contrary—that a modus vivendi had been discovered. It seems, however, that no such understanding was come to, and that the Federal Department simply took what Sir John See offered without in the least abating its claim.

Had the matter of the Dawes Point land stood alone, or had the Federal claim to Goat Island been a solitary example of misguided departmental enthusiasm, the solution of the trouble might well have been left to negotiations between Premier and Prime Minister. It will be noticed, however, that Mr. Carruthers phrases his reply to these demands as a point blank refusal. In taking up that attitude he is no doubt fully justified, for the new or newly heard-of claims seem merely captious. Yet it is hardly credible that Mr. Carruthers has only had "a week's notice." It will be well if we hear something of what has already passed. The Premier himself hastily alludes to other claims said to be of an equally preposterous character; and we may as well understand at once what these are. No one can lay to the charge of this State jealousy or fractiousness. Our charity has been long-suffering and kind. But, however anxious we may have shown ourselves to be to avoid friction, and however willing we have been to meet all sorts of demands, our loyalty to the Commonwealth and to the Federal idea need not blind us to the obvious meaning of such incidents as these now made public. There are such things as State rights mentioned in the Constitution, and it is not convenient for us to go on forgetting the fact. We have no costly wharf at Darling Island, in the present instance, to exchange for what already belongs to us; and perhaps we may just as well come to finality in regard to claims of this kind first as last.

REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS.

Presuming that the Federal Government will pass into recess, the reasons given by the Minister for Home Affairs for not proceeding with the printing of the electoral rolls and the holding of revision courts are sufficient. But the explanation suggests a passing misgiving as to what might have happened had the Government been defeated. That is unlikely now, as Mr. Watson admitted. But we in this State, at least, cannot help remembering that at the last Federal election we had to fall back on the old arrangements, with results that cannot be regarded as altogether satisfactory. But, as Mr. Dugald Thomson showed, the work of the redistribution of seats must come first if time permit. It is true that Mr. Tudor was able to quote the case of Victoria last year, when a proposed redistribution was rejected because of the large number of mistakes in the rolls, discovered on revision. Mr. Watson, too, argued with some reason that revised and corrected rolls would assist the work of redistribution of seats, but this was answered in part by the explanation that the police lists, and not the present rolls, will form the basis of this operation. Even if an election take place early in next session, and before the redistribution is accomplished, the Minister explained, the rolls will have been corrected by the police and by committees, besides being checked by departmental information, and added to by the personal application of new qualified electors. The object of this explanation was to show that no substantial injustice is done by the delay in revision. As to this, the best that is to be said is that events have justified the inaction of Ministers, since there is every possibility now of Parliament passing peacefully into recess.

That there must be a redistribution of seats, and that it must come before there is another Federal election, is undeniable. The reasons for that step multiply themselves. When the old distribution was made, for example, the women of the Commonwealth had no vote. Now they have, and the difference in the distribution of voting power is enormous, as we found in this State at our recent general election. That reason alone is sufficient to make the redistribution of seats necessary. But it is only one of many, and, as the Minister's explanation showed, this State is specially interested. Our electoral irregularities cry out for remedy and readjustment. The latest collections show that while the three most numerously populated electorates contain 114,000 voters, the three least have less than half that total. Taking the figures made available to him by the lists recently compiled, the Minister for Home Affairs was able to show a state of things amounting to the virtual disfranchisement of 90,000 of the electors qualified to vote according to law in this State. That is a serious position of affairs. It cuts at the root of every principle of responsible and representative government, for such a total as that is quite sufficient to throw the balance of available voting power in the State the wrong way, and produce a result at variance with the will of the real majority. We do not follow in detail all the illustrations given by the Minister for Home Affairs. But they go to make out as strong a case for revision, especially in this State of New South Wales, as it is possible to imagine under our population conditions.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

Some questions in the House having raised the chronic Christmas question of the unemployed, the Premier has made a statement on the subject explanatory of what the Government intends to do. It is a subject which is always with us, and one that we cannot escape. Without for a moment conceding an inch to the claim that it is the duty of a Government to provide employment for those whom the labour market cannot absorb, and without arguing the question as to how far this state of the labour market is due to the action of labour in politics, it may be admitted that there are always cases of hardship. In other countries the Christmas season is associated with those added hardships which the depth of winter brings, but that point may be waived also, and as the Premier said, the rigid economists may be a little unbending for the sake of the season. But it is satisfactory to know that he does not intend to disguise a distribution of charity under the name of relief works. We have had enough of that in the past, with bad results all round. It was a short-sighted policy, and it was unnecessary. There is always a certain amount of real work to be done, and it is infinitely better for the self-respect of those assisted as well as better for the country that the superfluous benevolence of our politicians should take this practically useful form. Mr. Carruthers speaks of giving some 500 men employment on the forming and ballasting of roads on the land to be authorised for subdivision under the Centenary Park Sales Bill, and the Railway Department can absorb some 200 more in the labour of relaying grades at Chatswood.

These are some of the means of finding work for the unemployed at Christmas. There are others, but we single these out as pointing a way towards dealing with the unemployed question on something like a practical basis. The business of the country districts is largely dependent on the state of their roads. We have the railways, of course, but they do not run everywhere, and the connecting roads must be attended to if the work of primary production is to go on and if the settler is to get his produce to the railway station or to the local market. We are accustomed to complaints respecting the bad state of country roads, the starving of road votes, and the heavy tax thus imposed on the farmer and wheat-grower, and yet we hear continual talk of the unemployed and of this distressed and unabsorbed labour. The two complaints contradict each other, and evidently what is wanted is some means of bringing the two together. The "Spectator" recently, discussing the same question in England, pointed out how excellent a thing it would be if the unemployed were set to work in improving and making roads. The general success of the French peasant farmers, that paper said, is essentially facilitated by the condition of the roads along which their produce has to be carried for sale. That statement is of much stronger application here; but the "Spectator" goes on to say that the relief work of road-making requires no initial expenditure, and it can progress by little and little as required. The suggestion is commended to the local authorities, and it may be repeated here. It is not necessary to wait until the Government puts surplus labour on to road-making, or even to wait until we get a good system of local government. Relief labour is cheap labour, it brings the surplus worker into touch with the labour requirements of the country districts where the ordinary wage is obtainable, and it takes the unemployed out of the city. It is not compulsory work, and it may be made eminently useful to all concerned. There is no need to wait for the Christmas cry for relief to enter on a useful experiment like this, if the State and the local bodies can be brought to consider it.

GERMANY IN THE PACIFIC.

The opening of a debate in the Senate on a motion relating to the aggressive commercial policy of Germany in the Marshall Group was marked by a restraint on the part of the Attorney-General, as spokesman for the Government, that was suited to a subject of grave concern. The Federal Prime Minister has already made strong representations by cable to the Imperial Government, and it is not at all likely that the spirited action will be adversely criticised, although the Federal Legislature has not yet fully debated the issues. The circumstances that gave rise to the motion before the Senate are generally known. Australian enterprise rose superior to a doubled license fee for trading to the Marshalls, and the steamer Ysabel was about to leave Sydney to secure a cargo of copra when it was announced that the German authorities had imposed an export tax that, with the license fees, was altogether prohibitive. The Commonwealth Parliament, while doubtless sympathising with a firm whose enterprise has met with a cold rebuff, will show wisdom by regarding the Ysabel incident merely as introductory to a national question. There are many points at issue, but the principal one is to what extent Australia's commercial activity in the South Seas is to be subjected to unreasonable interference by any European Power. Germany's commercial policy, we may be told, is a matter entirely for the Government of that ambitious Power, but it may also be declared with truth that Australia's place in the Pacific entitles the Commonwealth to expect a quid pro quo for concessions that are given equally to Germany as to Great Britain. The Attorney-General deprecated in the Senate any inflammatory talk of reprisals. Negotiations may be expected to take place between London and Berlin. Yet in any future action sight must not be lost of the fact that Germany is strengthening an octopus grip upon the South Seas. The Carolines may be instanced; also part of the Solomons, part of Samoa, the New Britain group, and part of New Guinea. Encouraged by subsidies, and fired by a ruler who believes that Germany's future lies upon deep waters, the Teuton is becoming impressive among his coral-studded outposts. So far Australia's experience has been with the Marshall Islands. How much further is the policy there inaugurated to be extended in the Southern Seas? It is an eloquent fact that in island groups near the Marshalls German traders have equal rights with the Anglo-Saxon. A new light has been shed upon a speech by the Kaiser, in which he eulogised German commercial adventurers as "seeking out some spot where we can drive in a nail on which to hang our armour."

Federal Government Claims.—The Premier informed a "Herald" representative at Parliament House last evening that he had received a telegram from the Prime Minister, explaining that the notice sent to the Government of New South Wales in regard to Goat Island was not intended as a peremptory order to "quit" that place on the 30th inst. The notice, Mr. Reid stated, was sent merely as an assertion of the right of the Federal Government to the possession of the island in question. "The Prime Minister," observed Mr. Carruthers, "has also sent a letter in which he promises to visit Dawes Point reserve with me, in order to ascertain the position of affairs in regard to the action of the military authorities in closing the gate at the entrance to the road giving access to the reservation. Mr. Reid says that if he finds access has been interfered with, he will at once give instructions for the road to be opened."

Economics in the Public Service.—It will be remembered that last week the Premier forwarded a circular to the heads of public departments, requesting them not to relax their efforts in regard to effecting economies. Mr. Carruthers stated yesterday that he had received from Mr. John Vernon, Auditor-General, a letter, in which he expressed the opinion that the expenses of the various departments had been cut down to the lowest limits consistent with efficiency. He also expressed the opinion that the reductions the Premier had made this year would bring the expenditure down to the level of that of the financial year 1899-1900. Mr. Vernon pointed out that the increased expenditure of the State was owing to enactments of Parliament, the full effects of which were not foreseen when Parliament passed the laws. "Mr. Vernon's note," observed Mr. Carruthers, "corroborates my statement that the reforms I have initiated would bring the service down to the same condition in regard to cost as it was when Mr. Reid left office. This testimony, coming from the Auditor-General, is all the more valuable seeing that it was unsolicited."

Sydney Theatres.—The committee appointed to decide what steps should be taken to minimise the risk of fire, and the danger of panic in theatres, public halls, and places of public concourse, has practically dealt with every theatre in the city. The lessees and owners of theatres have met the committee's demands in a liberal spirit, with the result that the theatres of Sydney are now within measurable distance of being placed on a footing equal, if not superior, to any in the world in regard to safety and general equipment. All internal communications with bars, etc. will be shut off, these being deemed a great source of danger in the event of fire occurring in the hotels. The theatres will, therefore, be liable only to such accidents as may occur within their own walls. All exits and entrances are to be considerably increased. The number of seats to a row is to be regulated, so as to permit of easy access to the aisles and passages. The latter are to be widened. Fire-extinguishing appliances are to be brought right up to date. All inflammable material is to be thoroughly coated with some approved fire-resisting solution. The matter of ventilation has come in for a full share of attention. The sanitary arrangements particularly are to made thorough and adequate. Many drastic structural changes have also been found necessary. Although the requirements of the committee will entail considerable expenditure, nearly all have been agreed to by the theatre proprietors.

Reckless Use of Firearms.—During the hearing of a case at the Criminal Court yesterday, Mr. Justice Pring made some strong remarks with regard to the growing practice of carrying firearms. He said that, sitting after sitting, cases were brought before the Court through the reckless use of revolvers, and that case was the fourth that had been before him since Monday last. Some people appeared to think they could blaze away with revolvers at the slightest provocation. The Legislature would have to step in and pass some drastic measure to stop that practice, for people's lives were not safe while it existed.

The Port of Honolulu.—The restrictions imposed some time ago in the case of vessels arriving in New South Wales ports from Honolulu, owing to the presence there of plague-infected rats, have been removed. This decision has been arrived at by the board in consequence of no plague rats having been discovered at Honolulu since August 22. This removal of the restrictions means that in future vessels arriving here from San Francisco or Vancouver, calling en route at Honolulu will not be required to produce "fending-off certificates" from the British Consul stationed at that port.

Work for the Unemployed.—Yesterday afternoon a large number of unemployed persons assembled at the Queen's Statue, and proceeded to the Treasury building, where delegates had an interview with the Premier. Subsequently the men reassembled at the statue, and it was announced that the Premier had promised to communicate with the heads of the various departments, in order to ascertain upon what reproductive works the unemployed could be engaged. It was also stated that within a few days an official announcement would be made in regard to these works, and the men were told to watch the newspapers for it. Any persons requiring relief could obtain it on applying to Mr. Schey, the Labour Commissioner.

Bush Fires on the Coast.—Captain Walker, the master of the Illawarra Company's steamer Eden, which arrived at Sydney yesterday, reports that extensive bush fires are raging along the south coast. The entire coastline is enveloped in dense volumes of smoke, extending for many miles out to sea.

The Mails.—The R.M.S. Omrah arrived at Fremantle yesterday morning, and sailed again during the afternoon for Adelaide. She brings mails bearing the date of London, October 28, which will reach Sydney in time for delivery on Wednesday next. The Continental mails by the G.M.S. Grosser Kurfurst will be available for delivery on Tuesday next.

In connection with the recent lectures and the subsequent examinations conducted by the University Extension Board, in conjunction with the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, the following have gained certificates:—Economics: E. C. St. Smith, F. Bardsley, R. A. Cameron, J. A. Spencer, L. J. Carolan, W. H. B. Taggart. Commercial history: J. A. Spencer, R. A. Cameron, H. Blaxland, F. Bardsley, L. J. Carolan.

There was a large attendance at the Royal Society's rooms last evening, when Dr. J. Froude Flashman delivered a lecture on "The Nervous System in its Genesis and Development." Illustrations of the brains and nervous systems of animals, birds, fish, and insects were shown, and these assisted to make the subject an interesting one. On the motion of Judge Docker, Dr. Flashman was accorded a vote of thanks.

The annual festival of the Girls' Friendly Society was held on Wednesday at Lane Cove. The president (Mrs. E. B. Docker) and other officers of the society were present. Service was held in the church at Lane Cove, the Rev. E. Ewen, rector of All Saints', Hunter's Hill, officiating. Tea followed in the large pavilion. After tea various sports were carried out with much spirit, and on conclusion of the programme prizes were distributed to the successful competitors by the president.

The operetta "Babes in the Wood" and an exhibition of dancing were given in the School of Arts, North Sydney, on Tuesday evening by the pupils of Miss B. Rosie. The entertainment was very successful.

A concert and vaudeville entertainment was given at the Hospital for Insane, Gladesville, on Wednesday evening. Mr. G. D. Ross was responsible for the management, and was assisted by Mr. N. J. Gehde and his pupils.

Applications for new schools at the following places have been granted:—Nowranie, near Oaklands, provisional; Yowendah, near Walgett, house-to-house; Caloola, provisional; Naradhun, near Hillston, provisional; Rangarol (Wongun-road), near Manilla, provisional; Kenmore, near Goulburn, public; Keera, near Bingara, provisional; Rose Vale (Blair Gowrie), near Cookardinia, provisional; Googong, near Queanbeyan, half time. A number of other applications are under consideration.

We are requested to state that there is no intention of making any alteration in the rules for the Australasian Royal Navy Reserve, as published six months ago, and that Captain Stokes Rees has merely come out to succeed Captain Field, whose period of service as captain-in-charge of H.M. naval establishments at Garden Island had expired.

IN PARLIAMENT.

As several hon. members who take a strong interest in the Stamp Duties Amendment Bill were anxious to get away after the refreshment hour yesterday, the further consideration of the measure in the Legislative Council was postponed till next week. The Vice-President of the Executive Council intimated, however, that in return for this concession he would expect hon. members to proceed with the debate on the Government Savings Bank Bill on Tuesday next. Mr. Wise brought in his bill to deal with habitual criminals, and it was read the first time. The Smoke Nuisance Abatement Bill, Mines Inspection Bill, and Pastures Protection (Amendment) Bill were read the second time, and the two last-named measures were also carried through committee.

It was inevitable that the sitting of the Assembly could not proceed far without some reference to the scene which marked the early hours of the morning. Mr. Dacey and Mr. Macdonell were both in their seats, as, of course, they had only been removed for the sitting. The formal business went through quietly, but when the third reading of the Centenary Park Sale Bill was moved, the member for Alexandria thought he should take a step towards getting even with Mr. Crick. Therefore he used an argument which Mr. Crick had regarded as irrelevant, and as the Speaker allowed it to be used Mr. Dacey was satisfied. But, as a matter of fact, an argument irrelevant in committee on a specific clause may be abundantly permissible on the motion for the third reading, so that Mr. Dacey, being right in the House, did not imply that Mr. Crick was wrong in committee. But in a twinkling the two gentlemen were in trouble, for Mr. Dacey uttered "Bully and scoundrel," and the delicious epithets were handed about till the Speaker took a hand, and demanded apologies all round. Then Mr. Crick found himself in possession of a solicitor's letter threatening him with an action for his "unwarrantable conduct" towards Mr. Estell, whom he had ordered to resume his seat. The Chairman of Committees appealed for protection, and the head of the Government assured him of his support. Many members did not regard the letter seriously, but Mr. Crick did, and it was some time before the air calmed and the bill was read the first time. The Coroner's Jury Bill was passed through committee with some amendments, and then Mr. Ashton moved the second reading of the Closer Settlement Bill.

So far as the principles of the bill were concerned, the Minister's speech was complete. The first part of his speech was a justification of the demand for closer settlement, and more particularly of the principle of compulsory resumption. When he drew upon the experience of New Zealand to support him he had to explain that only a very small proportion of the estates resumed were resumed under compulsion. But that was accounted for by what Kipling would call the moral suasion of the existence of the right to compel. Without compulsion it would be a very one-sided game between the owner and the Government. Again drawing upon New Zealand experience, he was able to say that the principle of compulsion did not operate against the owners, for in practically every case the valuation ultimately fixed was higher than that placed upon the land by the Government.

He read a list covering 33 estates which had been submitted to the Government during recent years, but many of those, he said, were not of the proper character. He felt convinced that if the bill passed, one of the first tracts to be resumed would be the Peel River estate, in the Tamworth district. This was an intimation that was greeted with cheers from all sides of the House, and Mr. Ashton went on to say that, in view of what had taken place in New Zealand and Queensland, and what was about to take place in Victoria, this State could not afford to dally for another day. One of the provisions of the bill is that no resumption can take place until both Houses of Parliament assent. Answering an interjection condemnatory of this principle, the Minister said emphatically that he would stand by that part of the bill so long as we had a Legislative Council as an integral part of the Legislature. He explained that it was necessary to fix a minimum value for the estates which were to be resumed, so that owners of estates under that value would know at once that they were secure in their ownership, but he was not pledged to the figure of £20,000. The matter of fixing the valuation of land proposed to be resumed had given him a great deal of trouble, but he was now of the opinion that the final decision on the point should not be arrived at until the resumption was made. He elaborated arguments for the advantages of resumption, and assured the House that the guiding principle would be the settlement of the people around existing lines of railways, rather than running fresh lines to open up new lands. Of course, when all available accessible country was peopled, then they could think about extending their operations. He pleaded with hon. members who had fixed ideas on some points to defer to the spirit of compromise, and by conceding something assist to pass the bill at the earliest possible moment.

Extreme care would be used in the classification of lands resumed, so that the proper classes of people should be attracted. The qualifications for applicants were such as would make every purchaser a permanent addition to the settlement of the State, and though the residence conditions were severe, in the interests of securing bona fide applicants, yet so long as the land boards were satisfied that they were dealing with genuine settlers, those conditions would be relaxed to meet varying demands. In this the Minister had in mind the five years' suspension of the commencement of residence, which was inserted in the bill with the object of allowing men engaged in town or city avocations to take up land and gradually prepare it for their permanent occupation. There would be no insistence on purchasers living actually on the land, because in this bill, as in Mr. Crick's bill, the principle of residence within a workable distance was embodied. Anticipating an objection that the payment of 10 per cent. down and 5 per cent. more within two years, together with interest on the whole sum, would presuppose that a purchaser was a small capitalist, the Minister pointed out that the way was opened for him to borrow money, because a mortgagee could fulfil the residence conditions for 12 months by nominee, and if he had to foreclose could transfer by sale to an approved purchaser. At the same time, there was an absolute prohibition against aggregation of the settlement holdings into large estates, inasmuch as every transferee must be a bona fide settler, and in no case could one person hold two blocks. Then Mr. Ashton concluded by saying that in committee the vital principles of the bill could be fought out.

Mr. Nielsen, who began the general debate, practically condemned the bill in his first words. Of course, he could not very well approve of it, because it spelt alienation to him, and in spite of all safeguards proposed he believed that there must be again aggregation of estates and a perpetuation of the old trouble. Further than that, it seemed to him that a man must have a capital of £200 or £300 before he could become a successful settler. It was a strange thing that Mr. Nielsen should have got the Speaker's call, because one would have expected that the leader of the Opposition would have followed the Minister in charge of the bill. However, he was not present in the Chamber, and, as a matter of fact, as soon as Mr. Ashton sat down the House thinned down to a bare quorum.

A resident of Annandale writes complaining of the smells arising from Glebe Island abattoirs. He states that the effluvium is perceptible half a mile from the abattoirs, and contends that with proper management no such nuisance should exist.

A correspondent, writing in reference to the proposal to subsidise the Oatley School of Arts, in the St. George electorate, states that the institution is situated "in the scrub," in the midst of about a score of houses, and is "years ahead of its time." As there is already a School of Arts in the borough, our correspondent objects to the new subsidy, especially at a time when the pruning-knife is being applied in other directions.

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(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The earlier part of to-day's sitting of the Senate was principally devoted to points of order. When questions on notice were called, Senator Neild had one relating to whether certain charges had not been made by himself against General Hutton, and whether in the correspondence with the Defence Department, which succeeded these charges, other things were not done. The Attorney-General submitted on a point of order that these questions ought not to be asked. The President ruled that, though the form of question might be objectionable, still it was not so much so that he ought to rule it out of order. The Attorney-General thereupon declined to answer the question. Later on Senator Neild moved that a motion of which he had previously spoken should be postponed for a fortnight, but the Senate objected, and on division leave to postpone was refused by 19 to 7. Senator Smith submitted a motion, of which he gave notice yesterday, with reference to the action of Germany in monopolising the shipping trade of its possessions in the South Seas, and made an interesting speech in support of it. He claimed that it was a poor return for the unrestricted leave to trade round the Australian coast which the German vessels now enjoy to impose conditions which prohibit British vessels from trading in the Marshall Islands under any circumstances whatever. He hinted that if diplomatic action were not successful in obtaining a relaxation of the harshness on the part of the German authorities there might be such a thing as retaliation. Among other things, he referred to the coastal shipping clauses of the Navigation Bill, and hinted that he might even support them as a measure of retaliation. When he sat down the Attorney-General rose, but made only a short speech. He strongly deprecated any threats at this stage in view of the action which the Prime Minister had taken by his cable messages to the Imperial Government. When he had concluded, the debate was adjourned for a week. The debate was then resumed on a motion by Senator Higgs that the report of the select committee on the case of Major Carroll be adopted, and the Vice-President of the Executive Council spoke in opposition to the motion. He had not concluded his speech at the dinner adjournment, and the debate was adjourned until next week.

The evening sitting was occupied with the consideration in committee of the Sea Carriage of Goods Bill. The Attorney-General stated he had decided to insert a couple of new clauses, and to add amendments making the words contracting shipowners out of liability for carelessness in stowage or in fitness of ship to carry cargo illegal as well as null and void. As to making the bill apply to goods carried from one port to another in the same State, there was some doubt as to the constitutional power to do this. Therefore, he proposed to defer consideration of that matter until the Navigation Bill came to be drafted. On the motion of Senator Dobson, a provision was added to the bill specially including refrigerating chambers, and one of the new clauses provided that any agreement for the carriage of goods from Australia to foreign ports should be subject to Commonwealth law, and if the contrary was expressed it should be illegal. The other new clause imposed a penalty of £100 for inserting an illegal covenant in a bill of lading. The most acrimonious debate of the night was over a new clause proposed by Senator Pulsford, that the bill should not come into force until February 15, but he was unable to carry his point. His clause was altered to name New Year's Day as the date of enforcement of the Act. The Senate soon afterwards adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Prime Minister, in answer to Mr. Watson, made a statement when the House of Representatives met this afternoon on the order of business. He said it was not intended to dispose of the Appropriation Bill until after the Arbitration Bill had been dealt with. He would at present take it through committee, but no further. At the same time he did not wish to hold it over too long, because the Senate had the right of making requests upon financial measures, and he wished to give it time to consider the items in the estimates. The Works and Buildings Appropriation Bill would, however, be dealt with before the ordinary appropriation, because the Trades and Labour Council of Sydney had asked him to expedite it. In a word, he wanted that bill to become law as early as convenient. Private members' business was then called on, and some consideration was given to a message from the Senate asking the House to agree to a motion that the manufacture and sale of tobacco should be nationalised, in order that the profits therefrom might be devoted to old age pensions. The debate upon it was adjourned. Mr. McWilliams submitted a motion to the effect that the standing orders' committee be asked to frame a standing order to put a time limit upon speeches. He spoke for 35 minutes upon it, and made out a case for consideration. Several others spoke, and there were one or two interchanges of wit between members. Otherwise the debate was uninteresting, and no decision was come to.

The Estimates had been agreed to in Committee of Supply on the previous night, and after dinner they were reported to the House, and agreed to. The next stage was to pass them through Committee of Ways and Means. Trouble began at this stage. Mr. Isaacs asked for definite information concerning the appointment of the tariff commission. The Prime Minister replied that he had given his personal assurance to Mr. Watson that he was giving the matter his most earnest consideration, and his assurance had been accepted. Mr. Watson spoke for a few minutes, and seconded Mr. Isaacs' demand. He wanted an assurance that the commission would be appointed before the recess. Mr. Isaacs expressed the opinion that there was no escaping the fact that it would have to be made a party question. Mr. Reid warmly interjected that Mr. Isaacs might call it anything he liked, but he would not be bounced by that member, and Mr. Isaacs' retort courteous was that he did not care how much Mr. Reid insulted him. So interchanges went on. There was comparative calm for a time, until Mr. Crouch rose. He said that Mr. Reid was absolutely distrusted by his present followers, distrusted throughout the House, and distrusted in the country to such an extent that he was afraid to face a dissolution. He desired to have Mr. Deakin's assurance that the commission would be appointed. Mr. Deakin pulled strings, he said, and Ministers danced. Of course, this was not in any way insulting nor calculated to rouse ill-feeling. Mr. Deakin, however, interjected that he had every confidence that the Prime Minister would keep his promise, and Mr. Reid interjected that that was worth a thousand Crouchs. Upon this, Mr. Crouch suddenly resumed his seat, with the remark "Enough said."

The House adjourned at 11.15 p.m., after agreeing to the resolutions and passing the Works and Buildings Bill through all its stages.

ENGLISH MAIL SERVICE.

POSITION OF ADELAIDE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Postmaster-General, replying to Sir John Forrest in the House of Representatives to-day, said that although he had no definite information as to the intentions of the Orient Company at the expiration, on January 31 next, of the existing mail contracts, he had been informed that the manager of the company thought that the call of steamers at Adelaide might have to be discontinued, if a new mail contract was not entered into. Mr. Sydney Smith added that the Government intended, when arranging the poundage system, to give preference, other things being equal, to those steamers calling at the chief ports of the Commonwealth.

TOBACCO TRADE COMMITTEE.

The Select Committee of the Senate on the question of the nationalisation of the tobacco industry took the evidence to-day of George Adolphus Carter, cigar manufacturer. He had made some calculations concerning the consumption of cigars in the Commonwealth per annum, and, taking these as a basis, he estimated that the profit on the manufacture of those goods would be £468,969. He had not taken into account the percentage of profit to retailers, because that would yet have to be fixed.

GOAT ISLAND.

The Minister for Home Affairs states that the demand for the possession of Goat Island by the Commonwealth was made by a previous Ministry, and no doubt the matter concerning it would be settled either by negotiations or by a friendly suit in the law courts. Goat Island is required for the military department, and the Minister for Defence holds that it is a part of the transferred properties.

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

His Excellency the Governor last evening presided at the annual general meeting of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

This afternoon Lady Rawson will open a bazaar in connection with the Kindergarten Union in St. James' Hall.

Death yesterday removed the second oldest solicitor on the New South Wales roll, Mr. Robert William Robberds, of the firm of Robberds and England. Mr. Robberds came to Sydney in his youth, and served his articles with Mr. John Gurner, whom he afterwards joined as partner, being admitted on October 30, 1852. Later on Mr. Gurner retired, and Mr. Robberds practised on his own account until his son joined him. Twelve years ago Mr. Robberds, junior, retired, and Mr. T. H. England took his place as junior partner, and so the business continued until its severance yesterday. Mr. Robberds, who had reached the age of 84 years, had been in feeble health for some time, and his death was not entirely unexpected. He celebrated his golden wedding three or four years ago. Mr. Robberds leaves a widow and a grown-up family.

Mr. Thomas Rutledge, one of the oldest pastoralists of the Queanbeyan district, died yesterday at Corwoola station. He was 81 years of age, and was a great sporting enthusiast. Twice his horses won the Tirranna Cup. He owned and bred some of the best horses in the district.

Mr. Adam Frost, contractor for the haulage of coal at the Mount Kembla mine, died at Wollongong yesterday morning, after a short illness. It will be remembered that Mr. Frost had a miraculous escape from death on the occasion of the Mount Kembla disaster some 2½ years ago. He had only walked out of the tunnel mouth about a minute before the terrific explosion occurred that shattered everything before it. Notwithstanding the great shock he received, he rendered signal service in heading several search parties in the mine, and his bravery was recognised by the Royal Humane Society. His son Matthew also received a gold medal. Mr. Frost was 66 years old, and a fine stamp of man. He has left a wife and grown-up family.

It is reported that Mr. J. G. Jenkins, Premier of South Australia, will probably go to England shortly as Agent-General for the State.

Last evening the members of the dental profession tendered a complimentary dinner to Mr. Chas. Hall, the editor of the "Commonwealth Dental Review," to commemorate the first anniversary of its publication. The dinner was held at Pearl Bay, Middle Harbour, and was attended by about 70 dentists. Dr. Peach presided.

Our Wellington (N.Z.) correspondent cabled last night that the position of Government Geologist had been offered to Mr. James Mackintosh Bell, of Canada, who, it is understood, will accept it.

DEATH OF A MINER.

ALLEGED BREACH OF AN ACT.

MAN IN CHARGE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The adjourned inquest concerning the circumstances of the death of John Davis, who was killed in the shaft of the Aberdare colliery on the 3rd inst. by the explosion of a miss-shot in blasting operations, was concluded yesterday at Cessnock before Mr. R. A. L. Sharpe, coroner, and a jury. The evidence showed that Mr. Adam Frost, of Mount Kembla, had a contract for sinking a shaft 17ft wide down to the coal seam at Aberdare for the Caledonian Coal Company. On the 3rd inst William Lewis Smith was in charge of the day shift of eight men, including the deceased. Five holes were drilled in the side of the shaft at a depth of 300ft, and a charge of loose powder and a plug of compressed powder with electric detonator inserted were placed in each hole, which was tamped with sand and decayed rock. The men went to the surface and fired the battery, but the shots did not go off. The men went back and examined the fuse and leading wires and then returned to the surface, but the battery failed. After the fourth failure all the men returned to the bottom of the shaft, and under instructions from William Smith commenced to withdraw the tamping from the holes, with the object of placing a new charge in each to explode the old one. For this purpose the men were using steel rods, contrary to the Act. One man named Andrews was at work tamping out a vertical hole when the shot exploded, killing Davis instantly and inflicting minor injuries on two others. The evidence showed that the Coal Mines Regulation Act requires that charges shall not be withdrawn, and that steel instruments shall not be used in tamping. Witnesses admitted the illegality of withdrawing charges, but said it was a very common practice in mining operations, and that with careful, experienced men there was no great danger. Smith did not tell the men to desist from an act which was illegal, but admitted that he instructed them to withdraw the tamping. Witness expressed the opinion that the hole Andrews was untamping was imperfectly tamped, and that the iron rod he was using struck a detonator, causing the explosion.

The jury, after an hour's retirement, returned a verdict that death arose from injuries caused by an explosion, the result of the negligence of William L. R. Smith, who was found guilty of manslaughter, and was committed for trial at the Maitland Quarter Sessions. Bail was allowed self in £200 and two sureties of £100 each.

TUMBERUMBA GOLD ROBBERY.

COOTAMUNDRA, Thursday.

At the Quarter Sessions to-day J. A. Ferguson was charged with stealing gold at Tumberumba. He pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. Higgins. The Crown challenged three jurors and the prisoner two. At 5 o'clock the examination of the first witness was not finished.

TO-DAY.

Epping Races: First event, 2.15 p.m.
Address by Bishop of New Guinea, St. James' Church, King-street, 1.25 p.m.
Bazaar: St. James' Hall, 3 p.m.
Excursion to Hawkesbury River: Train from Redfern, 9.5 a.m.; from Milson's Point, 8.50 a.m.
R.A.A. Band: Centennial Park, 3.30 p.m.
Health Lecture: Equitable-building, 3 p.m.
Brickmakers' and Carters' Union: Meeting, Trades Hall, 8 p.m.
W.C.T.U., Sydney: Social Meeting, Elite Hall, Queen Victoria Markets, 3 p.m.
City Council Elections: Bligh Ward, Mr. F. E. Morton, William and Bourke streets, 8 p.m.; Pyrmont Ward, Alderman Allen Taylor, Harvey-street, 8 p.m., Mr. W. T. Henson, Union and Pyrmont streets, 8 p.m.; Cook Ward, Alderman R. W. Richards, Bourke and Ridge streets, 8 p.m.; Gipps Ward, Alderman Watkins, Beehive Hotel, Prince-street, 8 p.m.; Alderman M'Ivor and Mr. W. P. Fitzgerald, Ocean Wave Hotel, 8 p.m.; Fitzroy Ward, Ald. Stephen, Woolloomooloo and Forbes streets, 8 p.m.; Mr. J. J. Macnamara, Revolving Battery Hotel, 8.30 p.m.; Macquarie Ward, Lord Mayor (Ald. S. E. Lees), Bathurst and Castlereagh streets, 8 p.m.; Belmore Ward, Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan, M.L.A., Ford's Hotel, Albion-street, 8 p.m.; Mr. D. Fealy, Reservoir and Mary streets, 8 p.m.; Flinders Ward, friends of Alderman Mackey, Bourke and Fitzroy streets, 8 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Romeo and Juliet," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Going the Pace," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "Tempest Tossed," 8 p.m.
Shooting the Chute and Tobogganing: Manly.
Zoological Gardens: Moore Park, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg," Illusions, Tattooed Marvel, Cinematograph, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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THE WAR.

THE RUSSIAN GARRISON

STARTLING DIMINUTION.

SKIRMISH ON THE SHA-HO.

JAPANESE CAPTURE A POSITION.

ENROLLING CHINESE RECRUITS.

LONDON, Nov. 24.

An official statement at Tokio announces that the naval guns of the besiegers set fire to buildings in the vicinity of Port Arthur arsenal on Tuesday. The buildings were still burning after nine hours.

Russian refugees who arrived in a lifeboat from Port Arthur at Wei-hai-wei admit that they stole the boat and escaped from Liao-ti-shan. They state that there are under 2000 efficient troops at Port Arthur. There are 20,000 sick and wounded, and typhus is rife. Water and ammunition are scarce.

The sea forts do not fire if the Japanese warships approach. Deserters from the garrison are increasing in number.

BLOCKADE RUNNER CAPTURED.

A report from Chifu states that the Japanese have captured the British steamer Tung-chan, off Port Arthur. She had 20,000 cases of tinned meat aboard. It is stated that the captain's gratuity for attempting to run the blockade is £4000.

[Six weeks ago the Russians were offering at Tsing-tau (Kiao-chau) fabulous terms to induce local shippers to take cargoes to Port Arthur. It is stated that the Russians paid 60s a ton for coal, besides depositing the appraised value of the ship in which it was loaded, plus 25 per cent. bonus, in the bank at Tsing-tau, before the cargo was put aboard. The captain in that case also received a special bonus.]

RUSSIAN POSITION CAPTURED.

ATTEMPT TO RECOVER REPULSED.

The Japanese on Monday occupied the Russian bivouac ground north of Hu-sien-chang, on the Sha-ho line. Six hundred Russian infantry and 300 cavalry with four guns tried to recover it, but were repulsed. Thirty-nine Russians were killed. The Japanese casualties numbered 29.

JAPANESE IRREGULARS.

CHINESE ENLISTED.

LONDON, Nov. 23.

Advices from Mukden state that 1500 mounted Mongols and Chunchuses, officered by Japanese, are harassing Russian convoys in Manchuria.

Nov. 24.

Military authorities at Harbin state that General Okissimo and Colonel Sibato, after distributing hundreds of thousands of proclamations appealing to the Chinese to fight under the Japanese flag, opened a recruiting station at Shi-lin-tin, on the Shi-li-ho. The Chinese at first enlisted at the rate of 7000 a day, but afterwards, owing to a misunderstanding, the daily enlistments dwindled to 1000. The recruits are called voluntary militia, are given uniforms, and are drafted into the Japanese army.

THE RUSSIAN SQUADRONS.

USE OF BLACK SEA VESSELS.

The squadron which is to supplement the Baltic fleet, and which was steaming into the North Sea, has returned to the Skaw (Denmark), owing to heavy weather.

The "Novoe Vremya" suggests the despatching of another Russian squadron to the Pacific, including the ironclad Slava, 13,516 tons, the best ironclads of the Black Sea fleet, and other warships, also 15 new torpedo boats.

RUSSIAN ORGIES AT CRETE.

WOMEN AFRAID TO BE ABROAD.

The behaviour of the sailors from the Russian squadron at Crete was such that ladies walking in the streets of Canea were compelled to take refuge in churches, and were unable to appear even at their own windows. Drunken sailors had to be forcibly restrained from breaking into the houses.

The residents of the town are furious. All the deserters have been collected, and will be shipped by the next Russian squadron calling at the port.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The "Daily Express" states that the Hon. James Roche, brother and heir of Lord Fermoy, commanded the torpedo boat Caroline, smuggled from the Thames to Libau. It is reported that he wagered £500 with Russian officers that he would deliver at Libau any steamer they purchased. In the German canal, connecting the North Sea and the Baltic, the guardship twice fired on the Caroline.

Five submarine torpedo boats have reached Yokohama.

[A telegram from New York to London states:—"The Russian order for 30 submarines, of the Protector type, which are now being built, was immediately followed by an order from Japan for 50 submarines of the Holland type. Neither country has drawn the attention of the Department of State to the building of these boats, and neither is expected to do so, as both are in practically the same position, while it is believed in Washington that the United States does not violate the laws of neutrality by carrying out these orders.]

One of the conditions of the issue of the Russian loan of £48,000,000 in Germany is that Russia will not oppose Germany's schemes in connection with the Bagdad railway.

COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION.

The cable news to-day is not particularly enlightening. The skirmishes that are taking place amount to "sparring for positions" along the line of the Sha-ho. Other messages point to Russian determination to listen to no suggestions of peace. The Baltic fleet is steadily progressing towards its destination, with the exception of the supplementary squadron, which has paid the penalty of delay by encountering the heavy weather now raging in northern seas. The "Novoe Vremya" resurrects the proposal that the pick of the Black Sea fleet should be sent to the East, and on various occasions the Russian press has expressed the view that Great Britain could be induced to sanction the passage of the warships through the Dardanelles by concessions elsewhere.

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The fact that a battle is looming suggests two of the greatest problems of modern warfare—(1) sanitation, (2) the care of the wounded. In these respects the Japanese soldiers are far better provided for than is Ivan Ivanovitch, although it would be absurd to declare that there is less compassion and heroism among the Red Cross workers of the Russian Army than among the Japanese. Dr. Louis L. Seaman, an American, has returned to his country from the East, and he lately delivered an address to the International Congress of Military Surgeons. He said: "Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the medical department of the army and navy for their splendid preparatory work in this war. The Japanese are the first to recognise the true value of an army medical corps. Care of the sick and wounded consumes but a small part of their time. The solution of the greater problem, preserving the health and fighting value of the army in the field—by preventing disease, by careful supervision of the smallest details of subsisting, clothing, and sheltering the units—is their first and most important duty. Their capacity for detail is something phenomenal; nothing seems too small to escape their vigilance or too tedious to weary their patience, and everywhere—in the field with the scouts, or in the base hospitals at home—the one great prevailing idea is the prevention of disease. The medical officer is omnipresent. You will find him in countless places where in an American or British army he has no place. He is as much at the front as in the rear. He is with the first screen of scouts, with his microscope and chemicals, testing and labelling wells, so that the army to follow shall drink no contaminated water. When the scouts reach a town, he immediately institutes a thorough examination of its sanitary condition, and if contagion or infection is found he quarantines and places a guard around the dangerous district. Notices are posted, so the approaching column is warned, and no soldiers are billeted where danger exists. Microscopic blood tests are made in all fever cases, and bacteriological experts, fully equipped, form part of the staff of every divisional headquarters."

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To enable a full appreciation of this phase of warfare it is necessary to draw attention to the enormous casualties that are to be expected in this period of huge armies. A writer in the "Times of India" points out: "In a general engagement with good troops we know that the number of casualties will be 25 or even 33 per cent. of the troops under fire before the breaking point is reached. Taking 25 per cent. as representing the total losses, the number of casualties in an army of 100,000 would be 25,000. From continued experience we know that the proportion of deaths to wounded will be as 1 is to 4; therefore, there will remain 20,000 wounded who will require medical aid. Of this number a third, or 6666, will be so slightly wounded that they will be able to find their way to the field hospitals by themselves, or assisted, but without transport. One-twelfth, or 1,666, will be so severely wounded that they will not be able to be moved, and must be treated on the battlefield. There remains, therefore, 7-12ths, or 11,668, who will require transport on the day of battle. To supply the amount of transport required for this purpose is, under any conceivable circumstances, an impossibility." Ambulance waggons and hand or wheel stretchers are used in Europe, and in South Africa the British added the Indian dhoolie. The transport of the wounded is, however, still a problem, the difficulties of which are not altogether solved.

CABLE TO THE CONSUL.

BUILDINGS IN FLAMES.

Mr. K. Iwasaki, Acting Consul-General for Japan, received the following cable yesterday from the Japanese Foreign Minister:—

"Port Arthur army reports that the buildings near the arsenal caught fire about noon on the 22nd instant owing to bombardment by our naval guns, and at 9.30 p.m. on the same day they were still burning."

SILVER.

LONDON, Nov. 24.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 3d per oz standard, a fall of ⅛d since Tuesday.

VICTORIA.

MEDAL FROM REGENTS PARK EXHIBITION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The State Premier to-day received a silver gilt medal from the acting Agent-General (Mr. Dobson). The medal, which is about 7 inches in circumference, was issued by the Royal Botanical Society of Great Britain in recognition of the display of agricultural produce sent by the State of Victoria to the society's recent exhibition at Regents Park, London. A letter from Mr. Dobson which accompanied the medal, conveyed the information that the States of Tasmania, South Australia, New South Wales, and Cape Colony, which also exhibited at the show, had been awarded only silver medals.

ACTION AGAINST A NEWSPAPER.

In the Banco Court to-day, before Mr. Justice Hodges, the hearing was commenced of an action in which George Edward Mead, organising secretary of the Chiltern and Indigo branch of the Australian Miners' Association, proceeded against George Corbet Anderson, proprietor of the "Federal Standard" newspaper, Chiltern, claiming £1000 damages for libel in respect of a leading article published in the Chiltern "Federal Standard" of September 4, 1903. In the course of his opening address, Mr. Isaacs mentioned that the plaintiff had written to the defendant requesting a withdrawal and publication of an apology. This had been refused, the defendant replying that he was not aware that any statements had been improperly made in the article. The hearing was adjourned.

METHODISTS AND ART UNIONS.

At a meeting of the Charities' Art Union committee, held at Castlemaine last night, the secretary (Mr. E. H. Carter) tendered his resignation. He said he was an office-bearer of the Methodist Church, and had been told that either he must resign his office in the church or the secretaryship of the art union. The meeting expressed sympathy with Mr. Carter, and accepted the resignation.

ROBBERIES FROM HOTELS.

During last night the Carlton Club Hotel, at Carlton, and the Hibernian Hotel, at North Melbourne, were visited by thieves. £21 in gold, notes, and silver, a silver watch, and two boxes of cigars were stolen from the former place; and two £50 notes and £18 in gold and silver were stolen from the latter hotel.

The Telegraph Department profited by the large attendance at the spring meetings of the two principal metropolitan racing clubs. The receipts at the Caulfield and Flemington courses aggregated £772, as compared with £552 last year.

QUEENSLAND.

DELIVERING MILK ON SUNDAYS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

A deputation of members of the medical profession waited on the Minister for Agriculture to-day, and protested against having only one delivery of milk on Sundays, on the grounds that in such case the milk would be less pure, and would cause increased mortality amongst infants.

Mr. Denham, in reply, said he would see that the views of the deputation were communicated to each member of both Houses of Parliament, adding he could hardly conceive that they would be received with anything but the profoundest respect.

THE BETTERMENT BILL.

Mr. F. Grayson, M.L.A., has wired to Warwick, stating that the Land Betterment Bill will not go to a division in the Legislative Assembly, and that the Government will not bring the measure forward again this session.

At the City Police Court to-day John Turner Bolton was fined £20, with £2 13s 4d costs, on a charge of giving an unstamped receipt.

At the same court E. L. Lindsay was fined £20, in default 3 months' imprisonment, for travelling on an expired railway ticket.

A Townsville telegram states that the output of sugar of the present season up to November 24 amounted to 55,040 tons.

A valuable oyster bed has been discovered at Alligator Creek, 18 miles from Townsville.

MORE OF ARNOTT'S
MILK ARROWROOT BISCUITS are sold in New South Wales than the total output of all other factories.—Advt.

SPECIAL CABLES.

(FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.)

STORMS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

TRAINS SNOWBOUND.

LONDON, Nov. 24.

A blizzard, bringing with it heavy falls of snow, has again swept over Great Britain. In the north immense drifts were formed, and several trains were snowbound for 13 hours. Two funerals which started failed to reach the church. Two lives were lost in the drifts.

The Acting Deputy Postmaster-General has received the following communication:—"Porth Curnow advises all English land lines interrupted."

POWERS' NAVAL EXPENDITURE.

ENORMOUS INCREASES.

LONDON, Nov. 23.

The following increases have taken place in the naval estimates of the Powers mentioned during the past 10 years:—France, 26.13 per cent.; Great Britain, 88 per cent.; Russia, 99 per cent.; Germany, 148 per cent.; the United States, 185 per cent.

DUTCH CONSUL IN THE TRANSVAAL.

BOER POLITICAL AIMS.

LONDON, Nov. 24.

General Botha bitterly reproaches the Dutch Foreign Minister (Baron Melvil de Lynden) for removing the Consul-General from Pretoria to Johannesburg. General Botha declares the Minister's imputations regarding the political aims of the Boers to be uncalled for and unjust, especially since Lord Milner has expressed implicit confidence in the good faith of the Boer leaders.

The Dutch Government having decided to establish a Consulate-General for South Africa, with headquarters at Johannesburg, several members of the second Chamber expressed the desire that the residence might be fixed at Pretoria. On behalf of the Ministry it was stated that the Government, in choosing Johannesburg, was influenced by the consideration that Pretoria might become the centre of political intrigues. A group of Afrikanders was concentrated there, while Johannesburg was the permanent residence of Lord Milner, the representative of the British Government.

TO CONTROL PERSIA.

GREAT BRITAIN OR RUSSIA.

LONDON, Nov. 24.

The "Russ," of St. Petersburg, reports that unless Russia energetically combats British encroachments in South-eastern Persia, the whole movement of Russians southwards will come to naught, and Russia will be compelled to content herself with the sands of Turkestan.

Another Russian view of Russian policy in Persia is given by the "Novosti" thus:—"What should be our policy in order to secure our interests in Persia. Shall we prevent England making out of a poor country a prosperous one? This evidently we cannot do. The only alternative left to us is to make good use of our present influence, so as to obtain fresh and advantageous concessions in the Persian Gulf. If we wish to preserve and promote our influence in Persia money must be found to construct the railway to Teheran, and thence to a port on the Persian Gulf. This is the only way to secure for Russia those advantages to which she is entitled by her previous policy in Persia." The "Novosti" then goes on to discuss the good which would result to each Power by an Anglo-Russian understanding.

THE RUSSIAN OUTRAGE.

LONDON, Nov. 23.

There are indications that the vessel of the Baltic fleet which fired upon the trawler Kennet on October 22 was the Kamchatka.

The last shot fired by a vessel of the Baltic fleet on the trawlers was fired at the Kennet on the morning of October 22 at 7 o'clock. The shot passed between her funnel and her foremast.

DISORDER IN TURKEY.

LONDON, Nov. 23.

One thousand Moslems at Kuprili, Macedonia, seized the telegraph office, and demanded help against Bulgarian terrorism, or that they should be allowed to defend themselves.

Turkish officers at Ipek also seized the telegraph office, and demanded their arrears of pay.

The Sublime Porte has punished three soldiers and an officer for assaulting Herr Erkhardt, the Consular Agent at Urfa, Armenia. Germany demands the exercise of greater severity.

REFORM IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, Nov. 23.

The Czar, contrary to the views of the Dowager Empress and M. Pobiedonostzeff, Procurator of the Holy Synod, did not prohibit the private meeting of the congress of the representatives of the Zemstvos (local councils), and will receive a deputation from it. The Zemstvos demand equality for all before the law.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Nov. 23.

The wool market is animated at full opening rates of the series.

Nov. 24.

At the wool sales yesterday crossbreds were occasionally 1½ per cent. above September rates. Prices for the undermentioned clips were:—Cobran, 13¼d; Perricoota, 10½d; Talyealye, 11½d; Aratula, 11½d; Wingadee, 19½d; Bimerah, 23¼d; Belfast, 13¾d.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Nov. 23.

The hold of the barque Trafalgar, from Sydney for Falmouth, which went ashore 20 miles south of Tamandre, Brazil, is full of water.

Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P. (Nationalist), announces the exclusion from the United Irish League in Dublin of all members of public bodies who voted addresses of loyalty.

Nov. 24.

The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company has declared a dividend on the deferred shares of 6¼ per cent., with a bonus of 3 per cent.

Mr. Henry Bruce Lefroy, late Agent-General for Western Australia, has been married to Miss Walford.

The fortune of the late Mr. Kruger amounts to £750,000.

The United States and Portugal have signed a treaty of arbitration.

The commission appointed by the Government of Cape Colony reports that there is no new vine disease at Stellenbosch. The failure of the crop is due to bad drainage, improper cultivation, and unsuitable stocks.

ANOTHER HOT SPELL.
If you don't want to drink Whisky or Beer, Shariand's Kola Nip fills the bill. Try it with Soda. Don't confuse Shariand's Kola Nip with the soupy mixtures sometimes offered to you. Kola Nip will stand comparison. There's a reason.—Advt.

BRITISH TRADE.

HOW STATISTICS DECEIVE.

BARGAINING WITH FOREIGNERS.

LONDON, Nov. 24.

Sir Alfred Bateman, Controller-General for Commerce, Labour, and Statistics, at the Board of Trade, addressing a meeting of the North Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce yesterday, said that the big trade returns of the half-year mean that we are paying enormously for raw cotton, thus swelling the imports of raw material. Hence we are obliged to get back something, from the manufactured cotton. In this way the value of exports is swollen.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking at Rugby last night, said that to remedy our loss of foreign trade we must abandon needless fetters, and use the resumption of our old freedom to make a bargain with foreigners. We must adopt preference with the colonies and retaliate on foreigners refusing reasonable treatment to our commerce.

The joint committee of the Dorsetshire Farmers' clubs has passed a resolution advocating the preferential treatment of colonial flour, but not of barley, meat, or dairy produce. The committee considered that a duty of 2s a quarter on wheat would not materially increase the production of Great Britain.

THE NAVY.

ERA OF REFORMS.

LONDON, Nov. 23.

Admiral Sir John Fisher, First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, since he assumed office a month ago, has withdrawn from commission 31 warships, mostly old vessels, thus leading to economy in maintenance and repairs.

Sir John Fisher has utilised the 7000 officers and men who were serving in these vessels in men-o'-war which are more formidable, including two additional vessels for the Cruiser Squadron.

Writing when Sir John Fisher was about to take office, a correspondent of the "Daily Express" stated that the general opinion was that when the new First Sea Lord took up his duties a revolution in naval administration would be instituted. Continuing, he said: "Among the changes which will be brought about are the following: A less wasteful scheme will be devised for the dockyards; naval supremacy over the army in home defence will be insisted upon; there will be an economic redistribution of fleets; all useless ships will be recalled; gunnery will be placed before every other consideration in training. The idea of the new naval school is that the army is a department of the navy, and that no strategical or military decision affecting these islands, India, or the colonies should be arrived at until the naval view has been heard and considered. The first thing that new administrators will endeavour to secure is a decision whether the navy is to be responsible for preventing invasion. Arrangements are to be made for increasing the power of the fleet without increasing the expense. At the present time many ships of war are stationed in distant parts of the world for no sounder reason than that ships were placed there ages ago, before the strategy of to-day was thought of. In the event of war these ships would be useless, and their crews would be lost for effective purposes, like the crew of the Russian gunboat Mandjur at Shanghai. These useless ships of war will be brought home, and their officers and crews will be used for fighting ships on important stations. The new system of nucleus crews will be adopted, and a new man-of-war, instead of being commissioned on one day, will receive its captain, commander, engineer, gunnery officer, warrant officers, and a few men several weeks before the day of commission. By this means new ships will be efficient on the day of their commission, instead of weeks and weeks elapsing before they are fit to fight. With regard to the coast-guard, it is believed that a large portion of the service and most of the duties now performed by the naval coast-guard could be equally well carried out by landsmen. A fully trained seaman gunner costs about £290. In order to provide nucleus crews for the ships of the reserve, officers and men must be transferred from naval employments of lesser importance and concentrated on the one business of their life—namely, efficient fighting. To provide these officers and men, it may be that no more bluejackets will be appointed to the coast-guard of the United Kingdom. The commissions of ships on foreign service may be cut down from three years to two. All obsolete methods of gunnery will be swept away, and the restrictions and regulations which militate against good shooting will be cast out of the service with the faulty gun-sights which have caused so much trouble."

BROKEN HILL LABOUR PARTY.

SPLIT IN THE RANKS.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

What promises to be a split in the local labour ranks seems imminent. As a protest against the majority determination of the P.L.L. to remove the censure placed upon Alderman Wright for a breach of discipline in moving in the City Council a motion for the increase of the corporation labourers' wages in defiance of the caucus decision that the time was inopportune for the increase, the Mayor, and Aldermen T. Ivey, Retallick, Chester, and Devitt, labour members in the City Council, have resigned from the municipal labour party. The resignations will be dealt with at a special meeting of the P.L.L. district assembly on Sunday afternoon. Should the resignations be accepted, which is deemed improbable, the labour Mayor and aldermen will, it is understood, resign their seats in the council, and probably offer themselves to the ratepayers for re-election.

DEATH IN THE BUSH.

A PATHETIC MESSAGE.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Mounted Constable Langley returned from Kars station, after making inquiries concerning the death of a man whose name was unknown to the police the other day, but who proves to be John Austwick, aged 65, an employee of Kars station, where he had worked off and on for 20 years. The body was found near a tank, on the track between Silestria well and Kars station. On Sunday morning deceased started from Silestria well, but had not proceeded far when he became affected by the sun. At various times Austwick scribbled notes on scraps of paper, each successive note showing that he was getting weaker. The last words written were to his wife, in Adelaide: "Am going, God bless you all. Your loving husband, G. Austwick." Mr. A. Hughes, manager of Kars station, intends erecting a fence around the lonely grave.

BOAT ACCIDENT OFF BRADLEY'S HEAD.

A MAN DROWNED.

Yesterday afternoon a boat was capsized off Bradley's Head while being towed up the harbour, and a man named James Danby was drowned. At about 9 o'clock in the morning Danby and his two sons left Woolloomooloo Bay in a skiff, and went outside the Heads to do some fishing. After three or four hours off Coogee they returned, and when entering the Heads were taken in tow by the steamer Pluvius, which was making up the harbour with a punt astern of her, and to the punt the skiff's line was made fast. All was well until when off Bradley's head the boat apparently yawed, and was swamped. James Danby was unable to swim, but his sons George, aged 24, and James, aged 28, could do so. They assisted their father to the mast of the boat, which got adrift, the craft having sunk. He managed to cling to it for awhile, but lost his hold, and before the others could reach him again he disappeared. In the meantime the Pluvius had let the punt go, and was trying to reach the spot where the men were struggling in the water. Another steamer, which happened to be near, picked them up, however, and brought them up to town, where, on arrival, it was found necessary to remove the younger man to the Sydney Hospital, so severely was he suffering from the effects of the immersion. James Danby, senior, was 62 years of age. He resided at Duke-street, Woolloomooloo.

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AMENITIES OF PARLIAMENT.

THE EJECTION OF LABOUR MEMBERS.

A THREATENED LAW SUIT.

SOME MORE INSULTS AND APOLOGIES.

The scene of wild excitement which yesterday morning shook the Legislative Assembly out of the atmosphere of calm which had settled down upon it since the country purged Parliament of the bulk of its noisy element at the last elections was not quite unexpected. It was the climax to a long series of annoying incidents, and the House has no need to be altogether sorry that it occurred, for it has cleared the atmosphere, and has administered a salutary lesson to a section of the Labour party which has so newly come into the second place in the politics of the country that it appeared to have grown "collar-proud." At first the ranks were imbued with a spirit of quiet jubilation, but the measure of responsibility which an Opposition has, and the quite erroneous belief that the party would rapidly get a following sufficient to take it on to the Treasury benches, seemed to have proved too much for it. The socialism of its members made each of them impatient under direction, and on the principle that Jack is as good as his master, a sort of divided control rapidly asserted itself. Evidences of that have been given in the House, though they have been fewer since some weeks ago Mr. Edden pointed out to a number of his colleagues that their duty as party men was to stand by their leader even if they thought him wrong.

For a long time, while the party thought it was getting its own way from the Government, there was comparative peace, but since the recasting of the Savings Bank Bill, when the ideals of the Labour party were knocked over, there has been manifest a determination to obstruct. The party would contest a principle, and being baldy defeated on it, would contest it again and again. In a hundred small ways their methods and mannerisms have been irritating to the bulk of hon. members. The obstructive tactics were common knowledge, and it was to be expected that the Speaker and the Chairman of Committees should be vigilant to prevent breaches of the standing orders which inhibit undue repetition or irrelevancy. Mr. Crick, whose grip of the rules of debate is acknowledged, has been particularly keen to regulate discussions in committee, and as necessarily his warning cry of "Order" has been directed most often to members of the Opposition, they have retaliated by "sailing right up to the wind" in regard to the rules, and have frequently gone a point too close.

There was unquestionably an attempt to stonewall the Centenary Park Sale Bill, and most members of the House did not think such tactics were fair, under the circumstances. The Labour party had had a good innings in the espousal of their non-alienation principle on the second reading. They were hopelessly out of touch with the feeling of the House, yet deliberately set themselves to go over the whole ground again in committee. That may have been all very well for them, but the country had to pay for it, members had to stay up into the small hours to be ready against a snatch vote, the officers of the House were needlessly kept about, and altogether the game could be a worry to only one side. The Chairman made constitutional efforts to defeat any breach of the rules, and the scene, with its ejection of two members, was the result of a defiance of the Chairman's prerogatives. Sympathy was felt for Mr. MacDonell, whose deportment in the House is generally excellent, and who fell from the paths of grace in an effort of mistaken chivalry. Sympathy with his colleague led him to open defiance, though previously he had had nothing to do with any of the trouble.

The party passed a convivial few minutes after it filed out of the Chamber as a protest against the refusal of the committee to report the Chairman's ruling to the House, and Mr. Dacey was the hero of those few minutes. While that was going on, Mr. Estell, who had remained behind in the Chamber, nearly suffered the fate of the other two, but saved himself by obeying the Chairman's order. With the Opposition out of the Chamber the Premier could have got a lot of business done, but he had arranged with the leader of the party earlier in the evening not to go further than the committee stage of the bill then in hand, and he felt bound to observe that compact. Yesterday afternoon the Labour party discussed the scene at a meeting, and for a time it seemed as if they would table a motion. But wiser counsels eventually prevailed, and they decided not to do so. But the trouble was nevertheless to have a sequel, and Mr. Dacey, who, as well as Mr. MacDonell, was in his seat, was again concerned.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE ASSEMBLY.

ANOTHER EXCITING EPISODE.

When the third reading of the Centenary Park Sale Bill was moved in the Assembly,

Mr. DACEY referred to the action of the British Government in borrowing £100,000,000 to repurchase land in Ireland. He rose to draw attention to the important fact because from something that happened at the previous sitting he was debarred from saying it.

The SPEAKER: Order, order. The hon. member must not refer to anything beyond the question before the House.

Mr. DACEY hoped the Speaker would not be too sharp, because that sort of thing was becoming intolerable if a man could not give a fair illustration.

Mr. CRICK, who was apparently labouring under strong feelings, said he wished to bring a matter of considerable importance under the attention of the House. He had been served with a letter, signed by a member of the House. While he was in the chair he would discharge his responsibilities irrespective of anybody, and he called upon the leader of the House to support him. It was a most improper thing that any letter should be served upon a member of the House unless he desired to accept it. The letter was from Mr. Daley, solicitor, addressed to "W. P. Crick, Esq., Chairman of Committees, Parliament House," and read as follows:—"Dear Sir,—I have been instructed by Mr. John Estell, M.L.A., to commence legal proceedings against you for your unwarrantable and illegal action towards him during Wednesday (23rd inst.) sittings of Parliament, and you will therefore oblige me with the name of your solicitor, who will accept service on your behalf." (Loud laughter.)

Mr. CRICK: I place the responsibility upon the leader of the House to deal with this sort of thing.

An hon. member: It is too frivolous to notice.

Mr. CRICK: There is no frivolity about it. Whilst he was in that chair and anybody dared to serve him with a letter of that kind he would have them promptly sent where they ought to be. As the custodian of the rights of the House he looked to the Government to support him. If they did not support him his resignation was at their disposal at any moment. It was an insult for a member of the House to write him a letter like that because he carried out his duties last night. The hon. member could have appealed to the House or the committee at any moment, and it could have reversed his decision.

An Opposition member: The committee would not take it.

Mr. CRICK: They could have appealed to the House under the Standing Orders, and have taken a vote of the House against his ruling. They did not do that——

Mr. EDDEN: Yes, they did, and——

Mr. CRICK: Again he said it was a great insult for a member of the House to receive such a letter, and the leader of the Government should support the responsible officers in their efforts to maintain order.

Mr. Dacey made a remark inaudible in the press gallery.

Mr. CRICK: The hon. member had his share last night, which he will get it every time he offends against the chair.

Mr. HURLEY called attention to the hon. member for Alexandria having called Mr. Crick a bullying scoundrel.

The SPEAKER: Did the hon. member use those words? If so, he must withdraw.

Mr. DACEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I did, and I withdraw them.

Mr. CRICK: I demand a personal apology if he called me a scoundrel.

Mr. DACEY: I apologise, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. CRICK: I invite the hon. member to use the words upstairs.

The PREMIER said the House was master of its own proceedings. While they had officers there in the chair, whether as Chairman of Committees or as Speaker, they were entitled to the support of the House.

Mr. BURGESS drew attention to the fact that the member for Blayney (Mr. Crick) had said that if somebody said something to him he would break his jaw.

Mr. CRICK: And so I will.

The SPEAKER: Order, order. If the hon. member for Blayney used such an expression he must withdraw it.

Mr. CRICK: I do; but it is rather rough to be called a scoundrel by a man who should only apply the term to himself.

The SPEAKER: That has been withdrawn and apologised for.

Mr. DACEY asked that the same measure be meted out to the hon. member as had been meted out to him.

Mr. SPEAKER: If the hon. member for Blayney applied the remark to Mr. Dacey he must withdraw it.

Mr. CRICK withdrew the remark, and then volunteered an apology.

The PREMIER sad that whilst he occupied the position of leader of the Government he would support the gentleman, whoever he might be, who presided over the deliberations of the House.

The incident then terminated.

STATE PARLIAMENTS.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Legislative Council the Shops and Factories Act Amendment Bill, which was designed to place further restrictions upon Chinese engaged in the furniture trade, was shelved by postponing the second reading for a month. The Surplus Revenue Bill No. 2 (£61,379) was passed. The Attorney-General announced that the next day would be the last of the session. The Council then adjourned.

In the Legislative Assembly the Premier made a statement as to what bills it was proposed to drop. These were Stock Feeds Sales Bill, Adulteration of Food Bill, State School Teachers Bill, Public Service Fees Bill, and Infectious Diseases Hospital Maintenance Bill. He moved that they be discharged from the paper. Sir A. Peacock strongly urged the discharge of the Licensing Bill. The Premier accepted the suggestion, and the motion was agreed to. The Lands Acts Amendment Bill was further considered. The Minister for Lands said as there was no chance of passing the bill he would withdraw it. Progress was reported, and the House at 11.16 p.m. adjourned till next day.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

In the Legislative Council to-day, the Mining Companies Bill was read the third time. The Income Tax Act Amendment Bill passed through committee. In the Legislative Assembly, the Mining Companies Bill was read the first time, and the Succession and Probate Duties Bill was read the third time. Mr. Maughan moved that in the opinion of the House it is not desirable that regulations should be in vogue having for their object the curtailment of the political rights and privileges of persons employed by the State. After some debate the motion was carried by 25 votes to 10.

The Agricultural Land Bank Act Amendment Bill passed its second reading.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE PROROGATION.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

In the Legislative Council yesterday, the regulations brought down by the Government providing for wages boards for all employees in the clothing trade were rejected. The Standing Orders were immediately suspended, and a bill was introduced providing for one or more boards to deal with the wages of women, children, and young persons in the clothing trade. This carried out the recommendations of the select committee which took the evidence on the subject of sweating. The bill was carried through all its stages in a quarter of an hour. The Tramways Bill was finally agreed to after settlement of the amendments with the Assembly. The Brands Bill, providing for the earmarking of sheep, was rejected. Bills to provide for the erection of barrages at the Murray River mouth were carried. Other measures passed during the sitting dealt with the regulations of motor traffic, the Northern Territory and Tropical Products Bill, and the electoral laws.

In the Assembly the Factories Bill was received from the Council, and taken through all its stages with amendments.

Parliament was prorogued to-day. In the Assembly, the greater portion of the sitting was devoted to finally agreeing with the Council on several bills. The Northern Territory Tropical Products Bill, the Murray Barrage Bill, and others, were finally disposed of.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Tuesday.

In the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Wallace Nelson presented a petition containing 47 signatures, praying for certain amendments to the Legal Practitioners Act and the Local Courts' Bill. The petitioners desired that every adult person may appear, and plead for himself or others, in every proceeding at law, and that any person unable to act may, by written authority, fully empower another to appear as his substitute. It is also desired by the petitioners that provision be made for the trial of certain actions by small juries. The petition was received.

LATE MINING.

WEST AUSTRALIAN YIELDS.

FAKED MINING RETURNS.

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

Crushing operations have been resumed at the Golden Link Company's Eclipse lease, supplies being drawn from a section of oxidised ground at the north end of the property. It is expected that this patch will take a few months to work out, and by the time it is exhausted it is anticipated that arrangements will have been made for remodelling the plant to enable the treatment of sulphide ore to be carried on. A fair quantity of this class of stone is now available for crushing.

At the final sitting of the Mines Ventilation and Sanitation Commission to-day some interesting evidence was given by Mr. Moss, general manager of the Kalgurli and Hainault, in regard to certain underground working that was made under his supervision. The evidence was mainly technical, but it is expected to be of considerable assistance to the Commission in framing its report. The members of the Commission left this afternoon by train for Perth.

The framing of legislation aiming at the prevention of "doctored" working costs, 'faked' percentage of gold extraction, and the stealing of bullion during milling operations is now being advocated on the fields. Various methods of checking are already being followed out at most of the leading mines in the State, the most effective among which seems to be that in use at the Ivanhoe, Lake View, Consols, and one or two other Kalgoorlie mines. The practice on those properties is to carefully assay the ore before passing it through the mill, and after the clean-up an assay is made of the tailings. If there is an approximate agreement between the gold contents of the untreated ore and the bullion won, plus the gold left in the tailings, there is a rough proof that the tonnage tally is correct, and that no gold has been stolen in the course of treatment. If there is a discrepancy, an investigation follows. The necessity for the compulsory adoption of some such system as this will probably be advocated by the Boulder Perseverance Commission in its report to Parliament. From the shareholders' standpoint, its general adoption would prove a great boon, as it would give the hall-mark of genuineness to mine working costs, percentage of gold extraction, tonnage treated, and the amount of gold won. Under existing conditions there is nothing to prevent an unscrupulous mine management from treating, say, 4000 tons for 6000oz monthly, and publishing the month's figures as 6000 tons for 6000oz by "faking" the output. By this way of treatment the capacity of the milling plant is made to appear greater than it really is, and the working costs are made to appear, when figured out on a 6000 ton basis, to be 25 per cent. lower than they really are.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE.

ANNUAL MEETING AND DEMONSTRATION.

The public interest felt in the work of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade was amply evidenced by the large attendance at St. James' Hall last night on the occasion of the annual public meeting and demonstration. His Excellency the Governor presided, and was attended by Mr. Harrison Smith, private secretary. Among the audience were the Attorney-General (Mr. C. G. Wade), Mr. Justice Cohen, Professor Anderson Stuart, and other prominent officers of the amalgamated bodies. The report for the year showed that the number of those who attended a course of instruction was 656, of whom 454 obtained certificates, and 19 qualified for the medallion. The total number of persons who attended a full course of ambulance lectures since the establishment of the centre now amounted to 9498, of whom 6507 passed their examination, and 321 qualified for medallions by passing the third and final examination. In other respects the report was regarded as of a satisfactory character, and on the motion of the Governor, who gave a sympathetic address, seconded by Professor Anderson Stuart, the report was adopted.

Included in the programme was a number of demonstrations by the members of the various branches, which excited great interest. His Excellency presented the medallions and certificates to the successful members, and also the gold medals to the members of the Glebe division, who won the Roth shield for 1903. The New South Wales Police Band and Mr. Lawrence Campbell helped to fill in an enjoyable evening.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE TRUCK ACT.

IMPORTANT APPEAL PENDING.

PERTH, Thursday.

The Full Court is to be asked to decide an appeal to which attaches unusual interest. It has reference to some alleged breaches of the Truck Act. Some time ago a party named Smith proceeded against the Millars Karri and Jarrah Company, Limited, for payment of certain wages deducted on account of stores sold, it being alleged that such procedure was in contravention to the major principles of the Truck Act. A verdict was given for the plaintiff. Subsequent action was taken in the Nisi Prius Court, in which the company proceeded against Smith for the amount of the goods sold, and resulted in a verdict in the company's favour. An appeal has been lodged with the Full Court against this decision. The accounts involved amount to thousands of pounds, for which not only the Millars' Company is alleged to be liable, but it is questionable whether the old Timber Corporation, which had been absorbed by the present combine, is not also equally liable for amounts which have been deducted from employees' wages, dating back from the inception of the Truck Act.

STATISTICAL RETURNS.

The statistical abstract for October issued on Monday contains the preliminary statistics dealing with the 1904-5 season's prospects. It is estimated that there will be 166,028 acres under wheat, against 137,946 in February last; 15,338 acres under oats, against 14,568; and 112,000 acres under hay of all kinds, as against 109,092 acres.

The population at the end of October is given as 242,146. The increase for the ten months is 15,192. The percentage of females to males 67.46, as against 66.93 at the end of 1903. The excess of immigration over emigration for the 10 months was 11,564.

DISPERSAL OF COOLANGATTA DAIRY HERDS.

SALE OF SHORTHORNS.

BERRY, Thursday.

The sale was continued to-day of Dr. J. Hay's shorthorns at the show grounds, the auctioneers being William Inglis and Son and Stewart and Morton, in conjunction with George Howat, of Melbourne. The Ayrshires at Coolangatta were submitted, 200 people being present when the sale commenced, and 600 after dinner. Bidding was very slow with the lower class animals, but very brisk with the better class. Jamie of Oakbank started at 100, and went by bids of 25 to 150, then by tens to 220 guineas, at which price it was passed in. Zulu started at 70, and went by fives to 95, and was passed in. Lot 94, Rapture of Oakbank, brought the highest price, Mr. E. Pritchard, of Numba, being the purchaser at 100 guineas. Lot 86, Rosella of Oakbank, being the next, sold to D. Bouffier, Sydney, for 150 guineas. Lot 66, Maggie Lauder of Oakbank, Barrengarry stud, brought 100 guineas. Several were passed in. Lot 33, Clarice of Oakbank, sold at 75 guineas; Peri of Oakbank, 35 guineas; Alice of Oakbank, at 40 guineas; Graceful of Oakbank, at 65 guineas. The following prices were obtained:—Frank Badgery, Moss Vale: Amure of Oakbank, 18 guineas; Artful of Oakbank, 12 guineas; Blossom of Coolangatta, 10 guineas; another at 12 guineas. Dr. E. C. Elliott (Elliott Bros., Sydney): Velvet, 32 guineas; Miss Gordon 4th of Coolangatta, 16 guineas; Lassie of Coolangatta, 12 guineas; Vision of Coolangatta, 12 guineas; Doreen of Seafield, 15 guineas; Nugget of Oakbank, 16½ guineas. H. Graham (Coolangatta): Rubina of Oakbank, 34 guineas; Profit of Oakbank, 26 guineas; Drumlanrig's Queen 3rd of Coolangatta, 21 guineas; Drumlanrig's Queen 2nd, 18 guineas; Angelina of Oakbank, 17 guineas; Tina of Coolangatta, 17 guineas; Moss Rose 2nd of Oakbank, 15 guineas; Justice of Oakbank, 26 guineas; Progress of Oakbank, 15 guineas; Grace of Oakbank, 20 guineas; Moss Rose of Oakbank, 20 guineas; Percival of Oakbank, 20 guineas; White Filbert of Oakbank, 14 guineas; Violet, 14 guineas; Beautiful of Oakbank, 13½ guineas. Barrengarry stud: Maggie Lauder of Oakbank, 100 guineas; Olga of Oakbank, 25 guineas; Black Cap of Oakbank, 21 guineas; Drumlanrig's Queen, 19 guineas; Venus of Oakbank, 32 guineas. Joseph Bennett (Sydney): Fortunette of Oakbank, 35 guineas; Whinflower of Oakbank, 100 guineas; Applause of Oakbank, 25 guineas; Ruby, 16 guineas; Pledge 2nd of Oakbank, 20 guineas; Blonde of Oakbank, 32 guineas; Realm of Oakbank, 85 guineas. J. C. Fraser (Exeter): Marion of Greenpoint, 18 guineas; Favourite, 11 guineas; Polly of Oakbank, 30 guineas; Lily II. of Coolangatta, 21 guineas; Sprightly of Oakbank, 20 guineas; Fancy of Coolangatta, 15 guineas; Lily of Oakbank, 17 guineas; May Rose of Oakbank, 23 guineas. A. W. Everett (Guyra): Bubble of Oakbank, 23 guineas; Gill Bird of Coolangatta, 50 guineas; Pamela III. of Oakbank, 13 guineas; Neta of Coolangatta, 24 guineas; one at 12 guineas; Wht. Filbert of Oakbank, 12 guineas. W. F. Abbott (Glen Innes): Gleeful of Oakbank, 40 guineas. E. Pritchard (Numba): Fashion of Coolangatta, 16 guineas; Fortunette II. of Oakbank, 85 guineas; Rapture of Oakbank, 100 guineas. D. Bouffier (Sydney): Brief of Oakbank, 16 guineas; Rosella of Oakbank, 150 guineas; Barmaid of Oakbank, 24 guineas; Aurora of Oakbank, 20 guineas; Pledge of Oakbank, 35 guineas; Cocky Peeres of Oakbank, 30 guineas; Sunray of Coolangatta, 11 guineas. Mrs. Cuthell (Granville): Bonnie Lass of Coolangatta, 31 guineas; Fairy, 17 guineas; Revere of Oakbank, 16 guineas; Remembrance of Oakbank, 20 guineas. William Caffery (Pyree): Design of Greenpoint, 19 guineas; Empress of Coolangatta, 11 guineas; Effect of Oakbank, 11 guineas; Rosy VI. of Coolangatta, 10 guineas. H. Bourne (Parma): Brown Rosie, 20 guineas; Victoria of Oakbank, 16 guineas; Calista of Oakbank, 29 guineas; Agate of Oakbank, 21 guineas; Beauteous of Oakbank, 20 guineas; Blanche of Oakbank, 75 guineas; one cow, 16 guineas; Pride of Coolangatta, 15 guineas. John Hines (Ballarat): Adela of Oakbank, 100 guineas. A. Harper (Victoria): Paddy of Coolangatta, 18 guineas. R. Antill (Picton): Rosalind 2nd of Oakbank, 75 guineas; Actress of Oakbank, 17 guineas. Lindsay Bros. (Unanderra): Persimmon of Oakbank, 45 guineas. A. F. Warden (Milton): Relief of Oakbank, 50 guineas. W. Warden (Milton): Lotena of Oakbank, 46 guineas. C. Warden: Lizzie of Oakbank, 13 guineas. Jas. Moroney (Coolangatta): Rob Roy, heifer, 13 guineas. Thos. Brown (Kiama): Gus of Coolangatta, 10 guineas; cow, 15 guineas. Kershler Bros. (Campbelltown): Bertram of Coolangatta, 15 guineas. M'Guinness (Victoria): Amelia of Oakbank, 24 guineas; Clothilde of Oakbank, 13 guineas; Joan of Oakbank, 27 guineas; Joyous of Oakbank, 12 guineas; Bud of Oakbank, 70 guineas. Rev. Canon Pugh (Queensland): Rosella, bull, 26 guineas. W. F. Abbott (Glen Innes): Barbary of Oakbank, 42 guineas; Agility of Oakbank, 30 guineas. H. Bruce (Berry): Brown Angelina of Oakbank, 18 guineas. Jas. Robertson (Gerringong): Rachel of Oakbank, 11 guineas, two others, 14 guineas and 11 guineas. G. Brooker (Kangaloon): Scotch Lassie of Coolangatta, 25 guineas; Princess of Coolangatta, 10 guineas; Beatrice, 13 guineas. E. P. Moore (Camden): Miss Gordon of Coolangatta, 14 guineas; May Morn of Coolangatta, 17 guineas. W. R. Cooke (Gerringong): Olga 2nd of Oakbank, 16 guineas. F. Abbott (Berry): Bountiful of Oakbank, 12 guineas. C. Lamond (Nowra): Atalanta of Oakbank, 26 guineas; Gleeful of Oakbank, 26 guineas. L. Bennett (Camden): Daisy of Coolangatta, 12 guineas; Amiable of Oakbank, 11 guineas. R. Shepherd (Boundary): Duchess, 11 guineas. Geo. Coulbert (Numba): Eva of Oakbank, 16 guineas. Joseph Turner: Gracious of Oakbank, 15 guineas. Chas. Moore (Camden): Caves of Coolangatta, 13 guineas. John Monachan (Nowra): Miss Gordon 7th of Coolangatta, 25 guineas; Ernest of Coolangatta, 13 guineas. G. L. Wilson (Victoria): Augustus of Coolangatta, 25 guineas. Arthur Moore (Camden): Pardon of Coolangatta, 16 guineas. John Muller (Meroo): Tony of Coolangatta, 30 guineas. P. Young (Termeil): Paragon of Oakbank, 13 guineas. M. A. O'Callaghan: Nora of Coolangatta, 10 guineas. L. Yardel (Sydney): Doreen, cow, 10 guineas. Several head sold under 10 guineas. About 200 were offered for sale altogether. The rest are to be sold to-morrow.

THE WEATHER.

Fine weather conditions continue to rule throughout the State, and temperatures generally are much lower than was the case a few days ago. Wednesday night was decidedly cool, and at Nimitybelle on the southern tablelands, the minimum reading of the thermometer was 29, or 3deg of frost. Fresh south-easterly winds are blowing along the coast, and smooth seas are running. The thundery conditions which were experienced in the north-east on Wednesday have passed away to the Tasman Sea without further result. Mr. H. A. Hunt, the Acting Government Meteorologist, says that present indications point to a continuance of southerly winds (SW to SE) for another 24 hours, with more light showers to the south-east. The existing cool temperatures are expected to give place to more heat by Saturday or Sunday, and may probably be heralded by a few early morning fogs.

THE NEW STEAMER WIMMERA.

After a most successful voyage from Glasgow, via ports, the new passenger and cargo steamship Wimmera, built for Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Limited, arrived on her first visit to Sydney yesterday, and was greatly admired. Structurally she is a counterpart of the Victoria, but numerous improvements have been introduced, which will be much appreciated by travellers. She is a vessel of 3100 tons gross, and has accommodation for 164 saloon and 104 second-class passengers, while her crew numbers 75 hands all told. The Wimmera averaged a speed of 13½ knots all the way from home with the use of only two of her boilers, while she has proved herself capable of steaming at a rate of upwards of 15 knots. The saloon, social hall, and smoking-room are enclosed in steel houses on the promenade deck. The firstnamed apartment is capable of seating 80 persons, and is tastefully arranged. The woodwork is of hand-painted white oak, of floral design, the chairs being upholstered in crimson. Ample light is afforded by a spacious and handsome stained-glass dome in the centre of the saloon. The music-room is panelled in hand-carved walnut and oak, and upholstered in dark green plush, whilst a stained-glass dome gives an imposing and cheerful appearance to the apartment. The smoking-room is panelled in dull oak, and the seats are upholstered in somewhat sombre-looking Morocco to match the walls, the whole arrangement conveying an impression of warmth and comfort. In each apartment the ceiling is of white and gold. The cabins are roomy, well lighted, and replete with all the latest improvements for passenger comfort, whilst the results of the great attention given to ventilation and other sanitary matters are observable everywhere. Retiring-rooms, hot and cold shower and spray baths are fitted, nothing in the way of expense or effort being wanting to ensure the most complete comfort of travellers.

The second-class accommodation is forward of the bridge, and is all that could be desired. The cabins are large and airy, the fittings and furnishings being only inferior to those of the first saloon in point of finish. The dining hall is of polished mahogany, the upholstering being in crimson maquette. The Wimmera takes up her running in the New Zealand trade on December 14, on which day she will sail from Melbourne.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE WOOL SALES.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The wool sales at Wellington were very successful. It is estimated that there is a rise all round of from 2½d to 3d per lb on the November sales last year. The top price was 10½d for light and lustrous crossbred suitable for America, but a similar lot brought 10¾d. The opinion was expressed that prices showed the full benefit of the 10 to 15 per cent. rise just cabled from London. There was a record attendance of buyers—English, Continental, and colonial. The movements of prices, as compared with last November, were:—Half-bred, 7d to 7½d, last year, this year 9½d to 10½d; superior crossbred 7d last year, this year 10d to 10¾d; medium crossbred 6½d to 6¾d last year, 9d to 9½d this year; coarse crossbred 8½d to 6¾d last year, 8¾d to 9½d this year.

QUEENSLAND VICE-REGAL SALARY.

NOTICE OF REDUCTION.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Mr. Kidston, the Treasurer, gave notice in the Legislative Assembly to-day of a bill to provide for a reduction of the salaries of the Governor and Private Secretary. The full effect of the proposed measure has so far been kept a close secret by Ministers, but it will probably be found that the salaries of the Governor and Private Secretary will together be under £3500. The Governor's salary at present is £5000, and the Private Secretary's £400.

CASUALTIES.

THROWN FROM A LORRY.

Henry Hines, a carter, residing at 47A Young-street, Redfern, was driving through the Darling Harbour yards yesterday morning, when the wheels of the vehicle skidded, and he was thrown to the ground on his head. He was taken to the Sydney Hospital by the Civil Ambulance Brigade, where it was found that he was in a very serious condition, his spine being injured, and the lower portion of his legs paralysed.

A SEAMAN INJURED.

Shortly before midnight a seaman named Parkes, attached to H.M.S. Challenger, was injured in King-street whilst endeavouring to prevent a woman falling from a cable tram. The car ran over his right leg, causing a compound fracture. He was admitted to the Sydney Hospital.

STRUCK BY A PLANK.

Whilst working at the Criterion Theatre yesterday morning, Walter Thomas Jones, 33, residing at Mount Vernon-street, Forest Lodge, was struck on the head by a scaffolding plank. He was conveyed to the Sydney Hospital, where he was found to have sustained a fracture of the skull.

FOUND DEAD ON THE PLAINS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The police have received a report stating that the remains of an unknown man had been found on Savelle's Plains, North Queensland, on September 26 last by a stockman. It is supposed that the man had died from fever and starvation.

COBAR, Wednesday.

An inquest was held yesterday on the body of Pianto, an Italian, who was drowned in a waterhole at Mr. Williams' selection whilst bathing. He was seized with cramp, and Eves, a boy, tried to save him, but the man was too heavy, and the lad was afraid he would be pulled under. The deceased, who was 21 years old, had been in the State six months, having joined a brother here.

EMMAVILLE, Thursday.

James Betheras, sen., a miner, was sinking a shaft 80ft in ground, at Graveyard, when he was injured by a large piece of pipeclay falling and striking him on the back. Several of his ribs were broken, and his lungs partly torn.

NARRANDERA, Thursday.

Yesterday Brooks Hodges, a young man, was loading stores when he fell from his waggon at the Yanco Siding, and was rendered insensible. He was conveyed to the hospital, suffering from concussion of the brain.

NEWCASTLE.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The ship Toxteth cleared at the Customs to-day for Valparaiso with 3756 tons of Messrs. Brown's coal; the American 4-masted schooner Rosamond, for Honolulu, with 1652 tons of Seaham coal; the steamer Indradeo, for Manila, via Sydney, with 7300 tons of coal; the steamer Battenhall, for Melbourne, Adelaide, and Fremantle, with 3200 tons of coal; and the steamer Moorabool, for Geelong, with 4700 tons of coal.

The barque Margarita sailed to-day, for Auckland, with 807 tons of coal; the barque Grasmere, for Valparaiso, with 1823 tons of Messrs. Brown's coal; and the barquentine Defiance, for Auckland, with 392 tons of coal.

THE QUARTER SESSIONS.

The November Quarter Sessions were concluded to-day. Cecil Ernest Madden, Joseph Edward Milligan, Douglas William Hall, and James Mooney were charged with robbery with violence at Singleton. The jury found them guilty of common assault, and they were each sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment. James Cannan was found guilty of breaking and entering a dwelling-house at Waratah, and stealing property to the value of £10. He was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment. Stella Howell, charged with assault occasioning bodily harm, was found not guilty and discharged.

Anniversary services were held in the Christchurch Cathedral to-day in commemoration of the opening of the building.

Mr. J. Shaw, Mayor of Plattsburg, met with an accident on Monday evening by a fall from his horse. He was found on the road in an unconscious state, and has not yet regained consciousness. Early yesterday morning Dr. J. H. Nash, of Sydney, visited the patient. Fears are entertained that Mr. Shaw has sustained internal injury.

BENDIGO JOCKEY CLUB.

SECOND DAY.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Weather of the most pleasant kind favoured the Bendigo Jockey Club for the conclusion of their Cup Meeting to-day. There was again a satisfactory attendance, and a profit of about £250 was made over the meeting. In the Hurdle Race Grey Ronald fell and, having dislocated his back, was destroyed. In the Steeplechase Norman fell, but neither the horse nor his rider (W. Douglas) was hurt. In the last event on the programme, the Jumpers' Flat Race, odds were laid on Balmoral, who won, but he pulled up very lame. An inquiry took place into the running of W. P., and his rider, F. Fielder, was severely cautioned by the stewards, who held that the owner and trainer were not in any way to blame for the horse's suspicious running.

The details of the racing are as follow:—

Second Hurdle Race, 2m.—Mr. Taylor's Nitrate, by Metal—Dora, 10st 6lb (A. Scott), 1; Mr. Albert's Confusion, 9st (A. Williams), 2; Mrs. Clifton's Glencoe, 10st 13lb (F. W. Clifton), 3. Grey Ronald also started. Betting: 6 to 4 v Glencoe, 2 to 1 v Nitrate, 3 to 1 v Confusion, 6 to 1 v Grey Ronald. Won easily by four lengths, a bad third. Grey Ronald fell at the first hurdle. Time, 3m 57s.

Epsom Handicap, 6f.—Mr. Lynch's Abbey, by Musk Rose—Priorene, 8st 4lb, including 7lb penalty (N. Godby), 1; Mr. Drummond's Errata, 7st 9lb (W. Sainter), 2; Mr. Nelson's Glen Allen, 8st 5lb (G. Wheeler), 3. Heloise also started. Betting: 6 to 4 v Heloise, 3 to 1 v Abbey, 4 to 1 v Glen Allen, 5 to 1 v Errata. Won easily by a length, a length and a half between second and third, Heloise four lengths away, last. Time, 1m 17¼s.

Bendigo Handicap, 1m and a distance.—Mr. Scobie's Sinnang, by Eiridspord—Lady Helen, 8st 2lb, including 10lb penalty (R. Lewis), 1; Mr. Hawkins' Purser, 9st 1lb (B. Carslake), 2; Mr. Gove's Chassepot, 7st (W. J. Aceola), 3. Other starters: Dandalla, Harvest Home, Indicator, and Difference. Betting: 13 to 8 on Sinnang, 7 to 2 v Harvest Home, 10 to 1 v Dandalla, 15 to 1 v Purser and Chassepot, 20 to 1 v others. Sinnang was allowed his head as the straight was entered, and drawing right away won, hard held, by three lengths from Purser, who beat Chassepot by two lengths, Harvest Home and Dandalla being next, and Indicator last. Time, 1m 58¼s.

Spring Steeplechase, about 2m.—Mr. Ryan's The Drover, by King of the West, dam by Knight Templar, 10st 8lb (A. Williamson), 1; Mr. Bell's A. M. B., 9st 9lb (P. Cosgrove), 2; Mr. Taylor's Goyura, 10st 3lb (A. Scott), 3. Other starters: Black Tower, Norman, and Jack. Betting: 2 to 1 v Goyura, 5 to 2 v The Drover, 4 to 1 v A. M. B., 10 to 1 v Black Tower and Jack, 12 to 1 v Norman. Won by six lengths, Goyura 30 lengths away third, and Jack some distance further back. Norman refused a fence at the back. Time, 4m 35s.

Grandstand Handicap, 5f.—Mr. Nelson's Glen Allen, by Escutcheon—Stream, 8st 11lb (G. Wheeler), 1; Mr. Fullarton's Rose Bloom, 7st 2lb (W. Bennett), 2; Mr. Wilson's Brunnhild, 6st 12lb, carried 6st 13lb (D. M'Cowan), 3. Other starters: Gambil, The Dodger, High Blood, Trebla. Betting: 7 to 4 v Brunnhild, 3 to 1 v Rose Bloom, 9 to 2 v Glen Allen, 7 to 1 v Gambil. Won by a length and a half, with a length between second and third, High Blood next, and The Dodger last. Time, 1m 5¼s.

Jumpers' Handicap Flat Race, 1¼m.—Mr. Bradford's Balmoral, by Malvolio—No Doubt, 9st 7lb (P. Guinane), 1; Mr. Hunt's W.P., 9st 5lb (F. Fielder), 2; Mrs. Clifton's Burnside, 9st 3lb (F. W. Clifton), 3. Betting: 7 to 4 on Balmoral, 4 to 1 v Burnside and W.P. Balmoral waited on Burnside and W.P. to the distance, where he passed them and won by three-quarters of a length from W.P., with Burnside four lengths away. Time, 2m 17¼s.

LATE SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Nov. 25.

Peregrine, s, 1660 tons, Captain J. Pain, from Townsville, via ports. Howard Smith Company, Ltd., agents. Dorrigo, s, 304 tons, Captain James Colvin, from Byron Bay, via Coff's Harbour. G. W. Nicoll, agent. Hawke, s, 140 tons, Captain Hunter, from Port Stephens, via Newcastle. Alex. Kethel and Co., agents.

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THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT.

THE SENATE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The President took the chair at half-past 2 p.m.

RESTRICTION OF TRADE.

Senator PULSFORD (N.S.W.) gave notice of the following motion for to-morrow week:—"That any policy, however good the motive behind it, which aims to restrict commerce between the Empire and foreign countries would lessen the wellbeing of the British people, and would tend to weaken both the unity and the power of the Empire. 2. That each self-governing colony should maintain its full freedom of action in regard to its tariff. 3. That India and the Crown colonies, whose people have no direct voice in framing their tariffs, should not have the power of free commerce which they now possess in any way lessened. 4. That as the proposed restriction of the imports of foreign breadstuffs into the United Kingdom would raise the cost of bread throughout the entire Empire any such restrictions would be very regrettable." He said he would ask the Attorney-General to assist him in bringing the matter before the House.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL, after a pause, said that he was afraid that he was unable to make any promise as to the time for the discussion of this motion, but at some later period when he had an opportunity of considering the whole of the business he might be able to do something.

Senator PEARCE (W.A.): Won't you give him the same chance as Mr. Deakin?

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: I am not Mr. Deakin's keeper.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL NEILD AND GENERAL HUTTON.

Senator NEILD (N.S.W.), upon notice, asked the Attorney-General a series of questions relating to the disagreement between himself and Major-General Hutton.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL asked whether the question was in order. These questions set out extracts from documents, and were more or less personal to Senator Neild, and he submitted that it would be more correct to move for the full papers from which the extracts were made, in order that they might be laid upon the table in the form of a return. He quoted "May's Parliamentary Practice" in support of the point of order.

Senator NEILD pointed out that the Standing Orders of the Senate overrode the British House of Commons.

The PRESIDENT, after debate, ruled that questions should not attack the character of individuals. As to the present questions, he considered them objectionable, but as he could not hold that they attacked the character of General Hutton, therefore he would not rule them out of order.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said that in view of what he had already said, he could not answer the questions.

SEIZED JAPANESE CURIOS.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL, in answer to Senator Pearce, said the declared value of the Japanese curios and fancy goods seized by the Customs officials last month, on being offered for sale at an auction mart in Melbourne, was £250 2s 10d. The sum realised by the Customs Department on the sale of the goods was £1857 15s, and the expenses amounted to £279 3s 7d. The net receipts were therefore £1568 2s 5d. No prosecutions had been ordered in the case.

GERMAN RESTRICTION ON TRADE.

Senator SMITH (W.A.) moved—"That, in the opinion of the Senate, the Government should take all steps possible to counteract the great injury that will result to Australian trade if the evident intention of the German Government to establish a monopoly for German traders in their Pacific islands is carried into effect." He said the trade of the South Sea Islands was of great importance to Australia. It was no doubt the inherent right of a nation to say if it pleased that other nations should not trade with it, but seeing that we gave to Germany equal trading rights with others in the Commonwealth, the action of the Germans in the Marshall Islands in imposing prohibitory terms on British traders was one that should be met by a very strong protest. If that was not effective we should meet that action by some act of a retaliatory nature. The three greatest trading nations in the world, excepting Great Britain—France, Germany, and America—all gave preference to their own colonies and people. America, for instance, prohibited foreign vessels from carrying goods or passengers between ports in her own territory. All this legislation, however, did not attempt to prohibit foreign nations from trading with them, and it was reserved for the German authorities to stop others from trading with them. The German sphere of influence covered about 3,600,000 square miles of the Pacific Ocean, with all the islands in that area. The Marshall Islands were comprised in that region, and it was probable that if the recent action taken with regard to the Marshall Islands were not received with a protest, the system would be extended to other islands as well. The Jaluit Gesellschaft was a powerful shipping company, which had received exclusive trading rights from Germany, and it was a mere quibble to say that if any other German company attempted to trade with those islands it would be treated in the same way as British traders, because there was no other German line of steamers trading there. Germany had been high-handed in the Pacific for many years past. Her action in annexing the northern portion of New Guinea was a proof of it. Germany had allowed Great Britain to come under what was known as the "most favoured nation clause," but one or two clauses of that treaty were altered, and British colonies were treated as foreign nations. The only effective weapon with which we could meet such action as this was retaliation. A large German company traded with Australia, and it was competent to inform Germany that what was sauce for the goose was sauce for the gander. If retaliation were adopted, it was probable that the German tactics would soon be altered. He was not certain that Great Britain was not already waking up. Next year the Parliament would, he hoped, pass the Navigation Bill, and German ships could be prevented from trading along our coast from port to port. He would not, however, stop the German liner from trading with the Commonwealth. At the Imperial Conference of 1902, a resolution was passed calling attention to the shipping laws of foreign States, restricting their coastal trade to ships of their own nationality. Our own Navigation Bill contained provisions which would practically prevent foreign vessels from engaging in our coastal trade, and if the Germans persisted in excluding foreign vessels from their trade, he would support that provision. He hoped, however, that such a step would not be necessary, and that the German Government would not insist upon its present policy.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said the speech of Senator Smith would be of great assistance in considering this matter. The Government had in serious consideration those matters which had recently been made public, and a strong representation had been cabled by the Prime Minister to the Imperial Government, with a view to diplomatic action being taken. Senator Smith had put consideration of reprisals before the House, but the less they thought about that aspect of matters at present the better. He therefore deprecated any idea of a reprisal while other steps were being taken. The question of reprisal might come up if the present means failed.

On the motion of Senator Higgs (Q.), the debate was adjourned and made an order of the day for December 1.

CASE OF MAJOR CARROLL.

The debate was resumed on the motion by Senator Higgs for the adoption of the report of the select committee on the case of Major Carroll.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he could not agree with the findings of the select committee. He dealt at length with the evidence in the report, and had not concluded his speech when the debate was adjourned.

SEA CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL.

The consideration was resumed in committee of the Sea Carriage of Goods Bill, on clause 2, "definition."

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said he proposed to move three or four amendments. He had considered the suggestion made by Senator Givens that provision should be made for intrastate as well as interstate shipping. In America there had been decisions upon this question, and the result appeared to be that it was held that shipping, even if only going from one part of one State to another, became national in its character, and under Federal control if it travelled on the high seas. There appeared, however, to be some difficulty in defining "high seas," and so nicety of language would have to be employed in defining the point; therefore he proposed to leave it over for the present, and deal with it in vacation. As to the suggestions made by Senator Best and Senator Keating, one with regard to penalties and the other to declare by statute that the law applied to contracts, he would propose two new clauses to effect these objects, and would propose to insert the word "illegal" in clause 4, before the words "null and void."

The clause was agreed to.

Clause 3, "Application of the Act."

Senator GIVENS urged that provision should be made for intrastate shipping.

Senator GRAY (N.S.W.) doubted whether such a provision would not go beyond the power given in the Constitution, and whether, even if it did not, it would be wise to insert such a provision as Senator Givens desired. If a bill of lading had to be given for every parcel sent, say, from Melbourne to Geelong, there would be an outcry against the bill.

Senator TRENWITH (Vic.) urged that to introduce debatable matter into the bill might imperil its passage. It was asked primarily for oversea shipping, and his advice was to follow the course indicated by the Attorney-General.

The clause was agreed to after debate.

Clause 4, "Certain clauses provided in bills of lading."

Senator PULSFORD thought that as shipowners of Australia probably knew nothing of the existence of the bill, it would at least be well to give the date of its coming into operation.

Senator DOBSON (Tas.) moved an amendment to sub-clause "B," which provided that where any bill of lading contains any clause whereby the obligations of the ship-owner or charterer to keep the ship's holds and other parts of the vessel in which goods are carried fit and safe for their reception, are lessened, weakened, or avoided, such clauses should be null and void. His amendment was to insert after the word "hold," the following words: "Refrigerating and cool chambers."

The amendment was agreed to after debate.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved to insert in a subsequent part of the same clause the word "illegal," the effect being that the clause in the bill of lading avoiding liability of shipowners should be illegal, null and void.

The amendment was agreed to.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved a new clause, providing that all parties to any bill of lading relating to the carriage of goods from Australia to any place outside shall be deemed to have contracted according to the law of the Commonwealth, and any agreement to the contrary or purporting to oust or lessen the jurisdiction of the Courts of the Commonwealth or of a State shall be illegal, null, and void.

The clause was agreed to.

Another new clause was inserted, on the motion of the Attorney-General, providing a penalty of £100 to the owner, charterer, master, or agent of the vessel inserting into any bill of lading or document any illegal clause or covenant.

Senator PULSFORD proposed a new clause providing that the Act should come into force on February 15. He said time would be required for the alterations in the bills of lading.

Senator CLEMONS (Tas.) moved an amendment to leave out the 15th February, and to insert 1st January instead.

Senator DOBSON moved the 14th January as the date of coming into operation.

Senator Clemons' amendment was agreed to after debate.

The bill was reported with amendments.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Senate at 10.20 p.m. adjourned until half-past 10 to-morrow morning.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 2 p.m.

"A MOST REGRETTABLE INCIDENT."

Mr. JOHNSON (N.S.W.) asked the Minister for Customs if he had noticed a letter to the press from the master of the American steamer Queen Helena, stating that, owing to the regulations bearing upon ships' stores, the crew of the vessel had had to remain for several hours in Melbourne without food.

The MINISTER FOR CUSTOMS said the incident was a most regrettable one, and he would have the fullest inquiries made. From a brief report on the matter, already furnished, he found that there was a very serious conflict of testimony between the Customs officer concerned and the captain of the vessel. (Hear, hear.)

THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

QUESTION OF ORDER.

Mr. WATSON (N.S.W.) asked the Prime Minister if it was his intention to pass the Appropriation Bill before other important matters had been treated. He understood it was the constitutional usage to dispose of all other important business before taking the Appropriation Bill.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK (N.S.W.): No.

Mr. WATSON: Would the Prime Minister state how soon the Arbitration Bill and the Royal Commission on the Tariff would be considered?

The PRIME MINISTER said he was not sure there was any constitutional difficulty as indicated by Mr. Watson to the Appropriation Bill preceding some of the other business of the session.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK: It went through last year long before the end of the session. (Hear, hear.)

The PRIME MINISTER said he would be very slow to countenance any departure from constitutional usage. It must be remembered, however, that there was a very great difference between the position of the Senate and other Upper Houses of Legislature in Australia. In most of the other Upper Houses there was no power to suggest an alteration in appropriation as existed in the Senate. With that in view he thought it only reasonable that the Senate should have an opportunity to exercise its right, which would be denied if the Appropriation Bill was sent up at the closing moment. He thought the House of Representatives acted wisely in not allowing the Appropriation Bill to pass while important business remained to be transacted; but he thought the House should not go to the other extreme and leave the bill until the last few days, when it could only be got through the Senate by the suspension of the Standing Orders. He thought there would be no objection to advancing the bill as far as the committee stage. (Hear, hear.) Apart from the general appropriation he was anxious that the House should to-day pass the amount dealing with public works, and send it up to the Senate. (Hear, hear.) He had received requests from the Sydney Labour Council and other bodies, asking that the works authorised by Parliament should be undertaken as soon as possible. There could be no objection to such a course. (Hear, hear.) He promised that the Appropriation Bill generally would not go before the committee stage until all important business before the House had been transacted. Referring to the tariff commission, he was happy to say that Mr. Watson had intimated his willingness to assist the Government in securing a thoroughly representative and satisfactory commission. (Hear, hear.) He could only reciprocate by saying that the matter would be treated as one of great urgency. He was making special efforts to settle the personnel of the commission. Now that it was divested of party significance, he thought the matter would be managed without delay. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. PAGE (Q.) asked what the Prime Minister considered as important public business to precede the Appropriation Bill.

The PRIME MINISTER said that the Arbitration Bill, for instance, was a very serious measure. (Laughter.) He thought, however, that such other measures as the Trades Marks Bill, Transaustralian Survey Bill, Papua Bill, and Amendment of the Defence Act Bill should not delay the passage of the Appropriation Bill. (Hear, hear.)

IRON BONUS BILL AND PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

Sir WILLIAM LYNE (N.S.W.) asked the Government's intentions on the Iron Bonus Bill, and the consideration of preferential trade. Could Mr. Reid give the date of appointment of the tariff commission?

The PRIME MINISTER said the fact that he had not mentioned the Bonus Bill or preferential trade did not mean that those questions were not going to receive attention. Mr. Chapman was absent, owing to illness in his family, but he would be consulted about the Iron Bonus Bill. It was certainly intended to give him a chance to go on with it. He (Mr. Reid) was in communication with Mr. Deakin on preferential trade, and the matter would be brought on at a very early date. It was simply absurd to talk about fixing a date for the appointment of the royal commission. It depended upon the ease with which a suitable person could be obtained.

EMPLOYMENT FOR TELEGRAPH MESSENGERS.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL, in reply to Mr. Ewing (N.S.W.), said there was very great difficulty to find employment for all telegraph messengers after their reaching the age of 18 years. The Public Service Commissioner did his utmost to find employment for all competent lads.

Sir JONH QUICK (Vic.) asked the Postmaster-General whether he would consider the advisability of framing a regulation giving preference in employment as telephone operators and letter carriers to telegraph messengers above the age of 18.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL promised consideration. All other things being equal, he thought messengers should get preference. (Hear, hear.)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS.

TOBACCO NATIONALISATION.

Further consideration was given in committee to a motion by Mr. Fraser (W.A.),—"That the House should concur in the Senate's resolution in favour of nationalising the tobacco industry, with a view to raising money for old-age pensions."

Mr. LONSDALE (N.S.W.) denied the existence of any tobacco monopoly in Australia. He also denied that there had been a recent rise in the price of tobacco. The Government monopoly in France had not been successful. Tobacco manufactured there was notoriously bad. He failed to see that control by the Government would prove profitable.

Mr. Johnson and Sir John Forrest opposed Government interference with the industry.

The motion was adjourned for a week.

LIMITATION OF SPEECHES.

Mr. M'WILLIAMS (Tas.) moved—"That in the opinion of this House, in order to facilitate the Parliamentary business of the Commonwealth, provision should be made to secure, whilst preserving proper freedom of debate, discussions of the House being confined within more reasonable limits." He said that the results from the Federal Parliament were poor for the time occupied. The Parliament was in perpetual session, which would mean that seats in the House would become possible only for wealthy, or professional politicians. (Hear, hear.) In the United States, Great Britain, Italy, and elsewhere, means had been taken to limit the speches. He was opposed to the English method of the closure. There should not be a limitation to speeches of reasonable length. He thought the Standing Orders committee should be asked to make recommendations on the question for the next session. He favoured speeches of three-quarters of an hour, with a license to Ministers and introducers of bills, and not more than one speech in committee. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. THOMAS (N.S.W.) favoured the closure to a speech or debate on the motion of a Minister.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK thought the most opposition to the proposal would come from Mr. Thomas's party. He objected to the guillotine. At times party obstruction was the sacred duty of the Opposition. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. SPENCE (N.S.W.): Who is to decide that?

Mr. J. COOK: The Opposition. The House did not want any more of the inane drivel to which it had been treated. ("Oh, oh.")

Mr. SPENCE: What do you call inane drivel?

Mr. J. COOK: I call some of the hon. member's speeches inane drivel. (Disorder.)

The SPEAKER: Order. He did not think members' speeches should be referred to as inane drivel. (Laughter.)

Mr. J. Cook withdrew the expression.

The SPEAKER: You are the only member of the House who would say such a thing.

Mr. J. COOK said that some members were using "Hansard" as a means of getting their speeches cheaply before the country, and so advertising themselves. (Hear, hear.) That was a form of sweating that the Labour party should not countenance. (Hear, hear.) He thought the real remedy was with the people, who should return a Government with a sound working majority. (Hear, hear.) He believed in some form of limitation.

Mr. WILLIS (N.S.W.) said that some members spoke simply to advertise themselves. If the press did not report them the evil would diminish. He favoured limitation.

Mr. KELLY (N.S.W.) suggested that some time might be saved daily by stopping questions without notice. This practice often occupied considerable time.

Mr. SPENCE thought the press reports had very little to do with long speeches. He recently spoke for 4½ hours, and the papers gave him three lines. (Laughter.) He was opposed to any limitation—(laughter)—and defended the practice of circulating speeches in "Hansard."

Mr. McDONALD (Q.) was surprised at Mr. Willis talking about the circulation of "Hansard" speeches. Mr. Willis had not only circulated one of his speeches from "Hansard," but had published his photograph on the cover. (Loud laughter.)

After further speeches the debate was adjourned.

THE ESTIMATES.

On the motion to adopt the report of the Committee of Supply,

Sir WILLIAM LYNE (N.S.W.) raised a point of order. He said that as part of the Estimates covering new works and buildings was to be in a separate bill, it should be considered in a separate report from the Committee of Supply.

The SPEAKER ruled that Sir William was in error.

Sir WILLIAM LYNE opposed the suspension of the Standing Orders to allow the Appropriation Bill being advanced to the committee stage before dealing with important measures before the House.

Mr. WATSON said Mr. Reid had discussed this matter, but had said nothing about the suspension of the Standing Orders.

The PRIME MINISTER: Hear, hear.

The report was adopted.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

The House went into Committee of Ways and Means to consider the resolutions on which the Appropriation Bill would be based.

Mr. ISAACS (Vic.) asked whether the Government would place the appointment of the tariff commission on the same footing as the Arbitration Bill and preferential trade.

The PRIME MINISTER: Certainly not. One is an executive Act and the others are Acts of legislation—a very wide difference.

Mr. ISAACS wanted a clear understanding that the tariff commission could not be divested of the significance of the various parties.

The PRIME MINISTER: Well, call it a party question. We shall call it anything you like. He added that the House had his absolute promise that the commission would be appointed.

Mr. WATSON: I understand that Mr. Reid is going to submit to me the names proposed for the commission, and I have agreed to help him in making a selection. (Cheers.)

The PRIME MINISTER (to Mr. Isaacs): Now you are free to make a party question of it. (Ministerial cheers.)

Mr. ISAACS: We all make a party question of it.

The PRIME MINISTER: Some members have broader views of their duties.

Mr. ISAACS: The Prime Minister and his colleagues accept full responsibility for the appointment of the commission as it is a party question. (Cheers, and dissent.)

The PRIME MINISTER: Well, call it anything you like.

Mr. ISAACS said that the Government should, on its own responsibility, appoint the commission before the close of the session, and let the House express an opinion upon it. (Opposition cheers.)

The PRIME MINISTER said he would scorn himself if he allowed himself to be dictated to by Mr. Isaacs. Hon. members must not think that he (Mr. Reid) had pledged himself to a certain executive act. He declined to give any pledges to Mr. Isaacs. He had reached a satisfactory personal understanding with Mr. Watson. (Hear, hear.) He had given his personal assurance that the commission would be appointed with the utmost despatch. To Mr. Isaacs, however, he refused any satisfaction whatever. (Disorder.)

Sir WILLIAM LYNE opposed Mr. Reid's contention that party significance could be stripped from this question. In kindness of heart Mr. Watson had promised Mr. Reid assistance.

The PRIME MINISTER: Rather in the sense of public duty. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. M'COLL (Vic.) thought that protectionists' interests would be safeguarded by the Minister for Customs (Mr. M'Lean). The whole of the attack should not be made on Mr. Reid.

The PRIME MINISTER said he would not appoint the commission until perfectly satisfied that he had the best men available.

Mr. HIGGINS (Vic.): Will the commission be appointed before the passing of the Appropriation Bill?

The PRIME MINISTER (emphatically): I will make no bargains whatever about the Tariff Commission and the Appropriation Bill.

Mr. WATSON thought it only reasonable that the commission should be appointed before the close of the session. (Cheers.)

The PRIME MINISTER: It would be a nice start for the commission to have a political controversy over its personnel. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. WATSON did not anticipate anything of the sort.

The PRIME MINISTER: Such a proceeding would ruin the usefulness of the commission before it started.

Mr. WATSON said he was quite prepared to accept Mr. Reid's assurance that the commission would be pushed on as expeditiously as possible. (Hear, hear.) If nothing was done as time went on, action could be taken. (Hear, hear.)

The PRIME MINISTER repeated his assurances. What he objected to was the veiled threats and conditions and stipulations. There was only one way to meet approaches of that sort, and that way he would adopt. He congratulated the Opposition on adopting tactics different to those of Mr. Isaacs. He could not do more than pledge his word. (Cheers.)

Mr. ISAACS was confident that Mr. Watson was not accepting Mr. Reid's personal pledges only. It was not a personal, but an official matter. Mr. Reid was here to do his duty.

The PRIME MINISTER said Mr. Isaacs had already issued a challenge and had pulled down his flag.

Mr. ISAACS: You backed down, or you would not be where you are now. (Opposition cheers.)

The PRIME MINISTER: You withdrew your motion about the tariff commission because you had not the numbers. (Cheers.)

Mr. ISAACS said he would insist on holding Mr. Reid down to his previous pledges. Mr. Reid could be as insulting as he pleased, but there were members determined to do their duty. (Cheers.)

Mr. CROUCH (Vic.) asked what had become of the equal-in-all-things Minister for Customs. Why was Mr. Reid monopolising the right to appoint the commission? A statement from Mr. M'Lean would satisfy protectionists.

The PRIME MINISTER said that the appointment of all commissioners, no matter for what they were appointed, fell within the province of the Prime Minister.

Mr. CROUCH said that Mr. Reid retained office only by the sufferance of Mr. Deakin. Mr. Reid was so distrusted by the country that he was afraid to face a dissolution. Mr. Deakin pulled the strings and Ministers danced. He would be satisfied with an assurance from Mr. Deakin that the commission would be appointed this session.

Mr. DEAKIN (Vic.): I have every confidence that the Prime Minister will keep his promise.

The PRIME MINISTER: That is worth a thousand Crouches.

Mr. CROUCH: Enough said. (Loud Opposition laughter and cheers.)

After several speeches,

Mr. CHANTER (N.S.W.) proceeded to criticise the Government. He made an inaudible remark.

Mr. J. COOK: That was not true. (Disorder.)

The CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Cook to withdraw.

Mr. J. COOK: It is absolutely incorrect, and the hon. member knows it.

The CHAIRMAN again asked Mr. Cook to withdraw, and after continued disorder,

Mr. CHANTER said that he could tell the House something about Mr. Cook's career in New South Wales, which, if known, Mr. Cook would not be——. (Uproar.)

Mr. CHANTER subsequently appealed to the Chair for protection against Mr. Cook; otherwise, he might have to take the matter into his own hands. (Oh, oh.)

Mr. J. COOK challenged Mr. Chanter to say frankly what he meant by his inferences. If Mr. Chanter would not make a definite charge he was an arrant cur. (Disorder.) No man of courage would do such a thing as the member for Riverina had done. (Hear, hear.) He defended Mr. Reid's action. If the Prime Minister was to be a mere puppet in the hands of a party in a corner he would not be fit to lead the men behind him. (Hear, hear.)

The PRIME MINISTER, in reply further statements, said the Government wished to have each State represented on the commission, and the best men in each State could not be chosen in a day. (Hear, hear.)

At 10.50 the Prime Minister appealed to the House to pass the Appropriation Bill dealing with works and buildings. The resolutions were agreed to.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and the Appropriation Bill covering new works, buildings, etc., was passed through all its stages.

Mr. WATSON asked the Prime Minister, in the committee stage, if the Government had given further consideration to Sir Geo. Turner's proposal to charge the States with works and buildings on a population basis. This would leave out of consideration £180,000 for new arms and ammunition. If the proposal was effected New South Wales would be charged £100,000 more than was spent in that State; against Victoria £93,000 would be charged, but only £51,000 would be spent in the State. In West Australia only £18,000 would be charged, and £71,000 spent, while Queensland would make a gain of £4000, and South Australia about the same.

The PRIME MINISTER said that was a most difficult question. Sir George Turner had given it an immense amount of attention, and the charge had only been made because of the consequence of the other system. If the charge proved inequitable something else must be tried.

ADJOURNMENT.

At 11.45 p.m. the House adjourned until 10.30 the following morning.

THE LAND TITLES OFFICE.

We receive from the pulisher, Mr. J. J. Marsden, copy of "Manual of the Practice of the Land Titles Office, Sydney," by E. S. MacDermott. The author is a certificated conveyancer, who has had many years' experience of the work to be done in the office in question, and solicitors of high standing in the city unite in characterising his work as correct and useful. But, even without these testimonies, it is abundantly apparent from a perusal of the book that Mr. MacDermott has consummated the useful work of setting forth plainly, and without unnecessary use of technical phraseology, the procedure which has to be followed in the Land Titles Office. It is, of course, true that the information herein contained will be primarily useful to members of the legal profession, but experience has taught most laymen that knowledge which is useful to lawyers means so much money in the pockets of clients. The historian of Australia may find useful material in a list contained in Mr. MacDermott's book of Crown grants of land, dating from 1792 onwards, the quit rents reserved in which have been redeemed. Great care has evidently been bestowed on the book, which will prove of considerable service to all concerned in the transaction of business at the Land Titles Office.

THE NEW ZEALAND YEAR BOOK.

"The New Zealand Official Year Book" for 1904, by E. J. Von Dadelszen, Registrar-General of the colony (Government Printer, Wellington), is a valuable addition to the statistics to hand about the country concerned. There are no new features about this, the thirteenth, issue of the publication, but the information has been brought up to a recent date. It forms an admirable guide to the conditions subsisting in New Zealand, and, as it has the Government "imprimatur," it will be of much service and authority to intending emigrants from the old country. It tells in plain words what opportunities there are in New Zealand for the employment of small capital or of considerable skill in any branch of skilled industry. Here we have all the sinuosities of New Zealand land legislation carefully straightened out, and a man can see at a glance whether he would be well advised or otherwise to leave his home in the old world in hope of making a better and more comfortable home in New Zealand. The letterpress is admirably adapted for the encouragement of immigration of the best sort, and the statistics are presented in an attractive form. On the whole, and even apart from the considerations suggested here, the "Year Book" is a useful and valuable piece of work.

AMUSEMENTS.

MR. REGINALD GOOUD'S RECITAL.

The general tone of Mr. W. Reginald Gooud's concert last night was classic, a number of the famous repertoire arias being joined with some of the best modern songs, whilst the instrumental contributions were first-rate, both as to quality and execution. The basso opened his recital with a rendering of "O, Ruddier than the Cherry," marked by much fluency and largeness of tone. Effective interpretations were also given of "Il Monaco," one of Meyerbeer's finest compositions, and Gounod's "Vulcan's Song." Mr. Gooud, though in the course of a lengthy recital a want of variety and contrasted colouring revealed itself, contrived nevertheless to give a capital idea of the buffo character of the air from "Philemon et Baucis." Korbay's "Hungarian Melodies," as exemplified in "Had a Horse," "Marishka," "Far and High the Cranes," and "Shepherd, see thy horse's foaming mane," proved the possibility of an alliance between a varying dramatic expression and a uniform lugubriousness. Three clever songs by Frances Allitsen were followed by the dainty encore number "Mustard and Cress" from Liza Lehmann's "Daisy Chain," and in other directions Mr. Gooud won acceptance with the audience, which filled the Centenary Hall. Mr. Rivers Allpress' chief contribution was Svendsen's "Romance," played with technical finish and keen sympathy for the music. Mr. George F. Boyle played d'Albert's transcription of Bach's captivating "Prelude and Fugue in D" with vivacious delicacy and power. The encore to this noteworthy achievement took the form of an original melody by the young pianist as the subject of a refined salon composition.

DIAVOLO LOOPING THE LOOP.

To-morrow afternoon, on the Sydney Cricket Ground, Mr. W. H. Barber (Diavolo) will again perform his sensational act of looping the loop, and will give an exhibition of his cycle trick riding. A programme of cycling events has been arranged, including the one mile championship of New South Wales. A record entry has been received for each event. The members of the Y.M.C.A. are also billed for a gymnastic display, under the guidance of Professor J. Renshaw.

THEATRICAL "LAST NIGHTS."

This evening "Romeo and Juliet," which has drawn consistently large audiences throughout its fortnight's run at Her Majesty's Theatre, will be played for the last time, as to-morrow "Theodora" will be produced. The final performance of "Tempest Tossed" will be given at the Lyceum Theatre this evening. To-morrow Mr. Walter Sanford will revive "Ten Nights in a Bar Room."

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE.

To the Editor.

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PROPOSED STATE BANK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have money on deposit in the Government Savings Bank, in the Savings Bank of New South Wales, and in the Bank of New South Wales.

When I placed my money in the Government Savings Bank I acted on the knowledge that it would be used by the Government for its own purposes, and that, as there were no cash reserves of any account in the bank, I would have to look to the general taxes, etc., to guarantee its return to me. I knew there were not any reserves or cash to support the promise of the Government to repay me with interest, and I took the risk attendant on such a state of things. But when I chose the Savings Bank of New South Wales and the Bank of New South Wales as other depositories for my money, I made the choice for the reasons:—(1) That both were conducted on the sound lines of having cash and other reserves; and (2) because they were independent of political influence, and their funds were not to be touched by any Government. In the case of the Savings Bank of New South Wales, I virtually became a proprietor (which, as a depositor, I am not in the Bank of New South Wales), and so became endowed with the right, in an extreme and pressing contingency, to claim a share of the reserves of that institution, which reserves amount to about £300,000.

Seeing that the Government is seeking the consent of Parliament to take over the business of the Savings Bank of New South Wales, with its funds, and to substitute for the £300,000 of reserves (inter alia) the promises of the Government of the State, I, as a depositor, strongly object to such a proceeding. I have always had a title to a fractional part of the £300,000, and I object to being compelled to exchange this title to solid money for a mere claim to a fractional part of Government piecrust.

An extreme and pressing contingency has now arisen. Ere the trustees of the Savings Bank of New South Wales find their occupation gone, can they not make it part of their duty to the proprietors of the institution they so worthily have managed to distribute among the depositors the reserve fund of £300,000? This sum is the property of the depositors, and they should have the opportunity of taking it in cash, not in piecrust.

I am, etc., DEPOSITOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Seeing that this bill has now reached the Legislative Council, I desire to point out through your columns the following reasons why that body should do its duty to the country, and reject the bill:—

1. That the Premier was elected by reformers to his high office with the view to oppose socialism, and for the purpose of reducing Government expenditure and cost of living to the taxpayer.

2. That the bill is most unfair to the taxpayer, inasmuch as it gives the Reform Premier leave to borrow (if he can) £2,000,000 of money to advance on doubtful-looking securities, and upon which sum the taxpayer will have to pay about 5 per cent., equalling £100,000 per annum, besides making up deficiencies on the investments.

3. That it is neither a desirable nor opportune time for any Government to be raising fresh loans for the purpose, seeing that about £20,000,000 will have to be borrowed for conversion of stocks, etc., during the next few years, and upon which the unfortunate taxpayer will have to pay heavier interest than at present.

4. That there is plenty of money available in the open market for loan to any person who has a marketable security.

5. That the burdens of the taxpayers are already very heavy, and, if possible, a Reform Government should do its utmost to lighten same.

6. That the depositors in the Savings Bank of New South Wales, who number 95,000, have not been consulted before their money is commandeered.

7. That 51,000 of its depositors are, by the last report, chiefly among the poor, with small sums of £20 and under to their credit.

8. That the Supreme Court has ordered thousands of infants' moneys to be placed in the Savings Bank till they arrive at 21 years of age, and these infants' moneys will be appropriated by the Government, and thus a breach of trust be committed.

9. That the formation of a State Bank has been the cry of the socialist and communist for years, and is not the desire of any honourable reformer.

10. That these very men, who are so loud in their desire to lend other persons' moneys on orchards, homestead selections, and such like, would not touch one of these securities (?) if they had money to invest.

11. That the depositors are all satisfied with the Savings Bank of New South Wales, and will probably lose the £300,000 reserve fund, which is the earnings of their investments.

12. That if the bill passes there will be a general disturbing of capital all over the State.

13. That at present the Savings Bank of New South Wales is run at a cost of about 4s per annum for each depositor, and if the Government begin banking (which is outside the province of government), the expense will be most considerable, as it will require an army of clerks, inspectors, valuators, accountants, managers, etc., to watch the investments, or the State will not be able to compete with financial institutions.

14. That every financial undertaking the Government has in hand, such as the Fitzroy Dock, Rocks and harbour resumptions, Clothing Factory, Harbour Trust, municipal loans, water and sewerage advances, seed wheat advances, Advances to Settlers Board, and others, is being conducted at a loss to the taxpayer.

15. That the passing of the bill will probably mean that the financial institutions of the city will begin to unload their burdens on the State Bank, to the great prejudice of the taxpayer.

I am, etc., FREDERICK W. WALKER.
Nov. 21.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Now that the Assembly has finished with the bill for the amalgamation of the savings banks with the Advances to Settlers Board, and the measure has been forwarded to the Upper House, is it not time that some practical steps were taken towards saving the Barrack-street institution from the threatened extinction, by either calling a meeting of the depositors or the preparation of an extensively signed petition from the interested depositors for presentation to the Legislative Council, praying that honourable body to cast out the objectionable bill?

It should not be difficult to raise funds for the necessary expenses, if some well-known financial gentleman, or the members of the North Sydney Liberal and Reform League (which recently carried resolutions against the proposal) would take the matter in hand.

The Premier in no way consulted the depositors, probably for obvious reasons, and if I am able to gauge the feelings and intentions of a large number of them who are known to me, the funds now available in the Barrack-street Bank will be considerably reduced if the measure becomes law.

Our only hope lies in the oft-times much-abused Upper House rejecting the bill entirely, or excising the Savings Bank of New South Wales from its provisions, on the ground of unwarranted interference with private interests. The hon. councillors would thereby further justify the confidence of their admirers.

The various reasons for opposing this measure have already been fully urged in your columns, so I need not take up any more of your valuable space by referring to them.

I am quite willing to send along my subscription towards any effort to give effect to the above suggestions to help and preserve the Savings Bank of New South Wales, which stands as a monument of thrift and good management.

I am, etc., WALTER GREEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF HE HERALD.

Sir,—Mr. James Stanway asks to be allowed to "reply" to my letter which appeared in your issue of the 21st inst. May I be permitted to say that Mr. Stanway does not do what he proposes; he simply makes the statement of a fact, as I did. He is quoting from one sheet, and I am quoting from another. The former one contains the bold principle, while the latter more fully explains the meaning and intention. Mr. Stanway states that the "broad daylight" is let in by Mr. Middleton.

With your permission, I will submit the following facts, which do not quite dovetail in with Mr. Middleton's statements:—At the conference held on August 11, 1903, there was an attendance of about 60—as per "Herald's" report on the 12th. On that occasion Mr. Carruthers said "it was too late to declare against a State Bank. He could not remember when there was not one. The Barrack-street and Post Office Savings Banks were State Banks, with £12,000,000 sterling of the people's savings practically reinvested in Treasury bills and trust funds." The word "land" was inserted, making it read "State Land Bank," and the resolutions, as amended, were carried on the voices, there being some opposition.

I will now invite Mr. Stanway's attention to the Liberal and Reform policy as declared by Mr. Carruthers in reply to Mr. McGowen's challenge in July last, wherein the two Government Savings Banks are distinctly mentioned, and that policy was distributed in thousands throughout the State without a word of opposition, until the bill was introduced in Parliament. I am, etc.,

BENJAMIN JAMES,
Hon. Sec. L. and R. Association.
24th November.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Nov. 24.

Wimmera, s, 3100 tons, Captains Free, R.N.R., and Sheriff, from Glasgow, via Natal, Fremantle, and Melbourne. Passengers—From Natal: Mesdames Hancorn and infant, Symonds, Legge and infant, M'Dougal and infant, Hope, Isaacs and infant, Jackson, Nicholson, Daintree, Howard, Hutchinson, Phillips, Julian, Holden, Sanlall, Misses Hope, Legge, M'Dougall, Howard, Julian, Messrs. Brown, P. Smith, Slade, Robinson, Hope, Symonds, Legge, Brownlow, Lorne, Ralston, Nicholson, Newton, Lawson, Lord, Dale, Fotte, Clark, Kavanagh, Bannister, Davis, Willmot, Masters Howard (2), Wallett, Fawkes, Ghamson, Cullen, M'Vicar, Hadley, Phillips, Gumber, Herman, Huggins, Dunsmore, Radcliffe, Benjamin, Melson, Eustace, Pearce, Glen, Master Julian, Holden, Fox, Complin, Heather. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Limited, agents.

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Newcastle, s, 1251 tons, Captain M. Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Archer, s, 604 tons, Captain Walker, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Mokau, s, 162 tons, Captain J. Pringle, from Richmond River. R. M. Corrigan and Co., agents.

Eden, s, 693 tons, Captain G. Walker, from Eden, via ports. Illawarra and South Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Ramornie, s, 546 tons, Captain B. Alley, from Richmond River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Kyogle, s, 702 tons, Captain E. Farrell, from Clarence River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Urmston Grange, s, 3444 tons, Captain Keslake, from Melbourne and Geelong. Houlder Brothers and Co., agents.

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Allinga, s, 2241 tons, Captain W. J. Ellis, from Melbourne. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—Nov. 24.

Euphrates, s, for Brisbane.
Niwaru, s, for London, via New Zealand ports.
Willyama, s, for Port Pirie, via Newcastle.
Alma Doepel, bqtn, for Wanganui, via Port Macquarie.
Helen Denny, bq, for Wellington, via Newcastle.
Wimmera, s, for Newcastle.
Kanowna, s, for Napier, via Newcastle.

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Nardoo, s, for Port Pirie.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Nov. 25.

Canada Cape, s, for Dunkirk; Wilcannia, s, for Natal, Capetown, and London, via ports; Gogovale, s, for Antwerp, Bremen, and Hamburg, via Suez Canal; Gracchus, s, for Madras and Calcutta, via ports; Sophocles, s, for Brisbane; Allinga, s, for Cairns, via ports; Marloo, s, for Melbourne; Tuncurry, s, for Cape Hawke; Dorrigo, s, for Woolgoolga and Coff's Harbour; Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company's steamer for Newcastle; Eden, s, for Ulladulla, Clyde, and Bateman's Bay; Peterborough, s, for Shellharbour; Illawarra and South Coast S. N. Company's steamer for Wollongong, Kiama, and Shoalhaven.

CLEARANCES.—Nov. 24.

Kamona, s, 1425 tons, Captain J. Robinson, for Napier, via Newcastle.

Nardoo, s, 2907 tons, Captain W. Butcher, for Port Pirie.

Wimmera, s, Captain J. Sheriff, for Newcastle, in ballast.

Helen Denny, bq, 695 tons, Captain F. Holm, for Wellington, via Newcastle, in ballast. Passengers—Mrs. Holm.

Niwaru, s, 6443 tons, Captain H. Hollis, for London, via New Zealand ports, with 50,827 packages through cargo and 20,997 bars lead.

IMPORTS.—Nov. 24.

Istrar, s, from Glasgow, via ports: 150 tons pigiron, 150 wheels and axles, 257 steel plates, 19 pkgs cordage, 45 rls linoleum, 66 packages printing paper, 668 cks 200 ¼-cks 312 cs whisky, 100 cs ginger wine, 183 cs cyanide, 165 hhds., 85 brls, and 1103 hhds. ale, 92 cs nails, 98 pkgs white lead, 40 pkgs spikes, 1513 b tubes, 20 cs bitters, 16 pkgs printing ink, 150 drms, 10 cks oil, 14 cs sewing machines, 3319 brs and bdls iron, 1226 bdls bars, 209 boiler plates, 16 cbs 515 steel sheets, 206 f.c. bricks, 40 bdls sheet iron, 19 bls oilcloth, 197 pkgs rope, 42 cs floorcloth, 20 pkgs brattice cloth, 150 cs limejuice, 12 cs stationery, 150 cs ling, 18 pkgs paper, 235 camp ovens and covers, 120 pkgs paint, 20 cs rivets, 92 cs envelopes, 62 pkgs hams, 735 C.I. pipes, 141 pkgs red lead, 21 cs wallpaper, and sundries.

Wimmera, s, from Glasgow, via Natal and ports: 50 cylinders, 800 bgs sand, 32 cs fruit, 82 drms, 280 kgs and 13 cs paint, 10 crates crockery, 800 tubes, 12 bls waste, 6 coils wire rope, 22 cs glassware, and sundries.

Rockton, s, from Fiji: 1721 bchs bananas, 419 bgs copra, 180 bgs cocoanuts, 96 cs pineapples, 6 gas tubes, 17 sks beche de mer, 43 sks hides, 51 sks gum, 36 pkgs merchandise.

Eden, s, from Eden, via ports: 1001 bxs butter, 104 bgs maize, 9 coops poultry, 310 bls wool, 36 cs eggs, 9 bgs bottles, 8 cs fish, 10 pkgs sundries, 1790 cheese, 8 bls skins, 253 bgs ore, 40 bgs maizena, 98 pigs, 71 bgs cattle food, 29 cs cheese, 41 bgs bacon, 29 bgs bones, 3 cs lard, 154 bgs bark, 28 hides, 1 cask tallow, 24 csks empties, and sundries.

Ramornie, s, from Richmond River: 3 bgs bones, 1169 bxs butter, 11 cs bacon, 56 cs eggs, 8 cs fish, 1 cs fruit, 71 hides, 1 bg horns, 11 pigs, 9 cks tallow, 18 bgs oysters, 40 bgs maize, 35 bgs potatoes, 6 cps poultry, 4 bndls skins, 900 sks sugar, 3000ft boxwood, 12 cedar logs, 5 lgs hardwood, and sundries.

Kyogle, s, from Clarence River: 8 bgs bones, 697 bxs butter, 216 cs eggs, 46 cs fish, 1 turtle, 29 cs fruit, 35 hides, 1 bg horns, 2 calves, 4 horses, 70 pigs, 580 bgs maize, 1802 bgs potatoes, 30 cps poultry, 1 bndl skins, 60 bls and 2 bgs wool, 2 csks tallow, 8 bgs beans, 12 bgs and 6 cs bottles, 2 pianos, quantity furniture, and sundries.

EXPORTS.—Nov. 24.

Niwaru, s, for London, via New Zealand ports: 20,997 bars lead.

Customs-house.—Entered outwards: Nov. 24, Wakanui, s, for London, via Melbourne and Adelaide; Canada Cape, s, for Dunkirk and Antwerp, via Melbourne and Adelaide; Bonn, bq, for Falmouth, for orders; Westralia, s, for Wellington.

The steamer Hopewell will this morning be removed from the Kauri Timber Company's wharf to the Druitt-street wharf.

The following telegrams were received yesterday respecting the condition of the bars at high water:—Ballina, 10ft on bar, 10ft on inside channel; Manning Heads, 12ft on bar; Macleay Heads, 13ft on bar, 11ft on crossing; Camden Haven Heads, 6ft 6in on bar; Swansea, 7ft 6in on bar; Forster, 7ft on bar.

The A.U.S.N. liner Rockton, from Fiji, entered the Heads at 7.11 a.m. yesterday, and berthed at the company's wharf at 8.5 a.m. Captain Fleetwood reports having experienced light to moderate variable winds and fine weather conditions throughout the cruise.

Captain Alley, master of the North Coast Company's steamer Ramornie, which arrived here last evening from the Richmond River, reports having experienced light variable winds and fine weather conditions to south Crowdy Heads, where fresh to strong southerly to south-easterly winds and a choppy sea were encountered, lasting to arrival.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Omrah, from London, bound to Sydney, arrived at Fremantle from Colombo at 8.45 a.m. yesterday, and sailed again for Adelaide at 2.45 p.m.

The R.M.S. Moldavia, from London, via ports, is due at Sydney early this morning. She passed Gabo Island at 1.7 p.m. yesterday.

The R.M.S. Orizaba, from Sydney, bound to London, arrived at Adelaide from Melbourne at 7.25 a.m. yesterday, and left again for Fremantle at 2.25 p.m.

ARRIVAL OF THE WIMMERA.

The new steamship Wimmera, the latest addition to the fleet of Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Limited, arrived at Sydney yesterday on her maiden voyage from Glasgow, via South Africa and ports. A description of this fine vessel, which is a sister ship to the Victoria, will be found in another column. The Wimmera left Greenock anchorage at 10 a.m. on Oct. 6, and arrived at Durban on the morning of Oct. 30—less than 24 days—a splendid performance. She left Durban at 5 p.m. Nov. 1, with 215 passengers all told, for Australian ports, amongst that number being 49 children under twelve years of age. Steaming averaged 13½ knots throughout, and as she has only used two out of her three boilers during the voyage it is evident that 15 knots could be easily maintained with all her boiler power in use; her coal consumption has been 45 tons throughout. The passengers were well amused with cricket, deck billiards, quoits, etc., during the day, and concerts were of nightly occurrence, the two magnificent pianos by Broadwood being put to good use. A very successful fancy dress ball was held on the night of Nov. 11. The run from Fremantle to Port Phillip Heads was accomplished in the splendid time of 126 hours.

An exciting incident happened prior to the departure of the vessel from Greenock. A "stiff" gale was blowing, and a woman was swept off the wharf into the water. Mr. Darroch, the third officer, promptly jumped overboard, and succeeded in rescuing the woman as she was sinking for the third time. The night was dark at the time; the plucky officer had nothing to guide him towards the drowning woman but her cries and the shouts of people on the steamer and the wharves. Mr. Darroch was loudly cheered when, with his almost inanimate burden, he regained the shore.

The Wimmera was brought out by Captain Thomas Free, R.N.R., who has for some time filled the position of marine superintendent for the Huddart, Parker line, and will again take up those duties. He proceeded home last March in the P. and O. Oceana. On arrival at Melbourne the command of the Wimmera was handed over to Captain Sheriff. The vessel's officers are:—Messrs. W. H. South, first officer; D. H. Morris, second officer; R. Darroch, third officer; W. T. Appleton, purser; Dr. Smith-Rozier, surgeon; James Cooks, first engineer (the company's engineer superintendent); W. A. Bateman, second; W. B. Hutchinson, third; C. J. Bates, fourth; T. W. Miles, chief steward.

The vessel carries a naval reserve flag and flies the blue ensign.

SALE OF THE CARPENTARIA.

News reached Sydney yesterday to the effect that the new steamer Carpentaria, which was recently launched and is now being completed in Messrs. Furness, Withy, and Co.'s yards, has been acquired by the Federal Steam Navigation Company, Limited, and is expected to be in commission within the next two months.

The Carpentaria, a handsome shelter-deck steel screw steamer, is the first of four modern cargo carriers to be built for the Gulf Line, Limited, and was launched on Aug. 13 last by Messrs. Sir Raylton Dixon and Co., Limited, from their Cleveland dockyards, Middlesborough. The vessel is 450ft long, with 53ft beam and 40ft 7½in depth, and has been specially designed to fulfil the requirements of the Australian, African, and London frozen meat, fruit, butter, and general cargo trades. The vessel is built to Lloyd's 100 A1 class, and has a measurement cargo capacity of about 14,900 tons. She has a complete shelter-deck fore and aft, also a bridge deck on top of the shelter deck 140ft long; these 'tween decks are fitted with large gangway doors, special ventilation, sidelights, etc., both of which spaces could be used, if required, for the carrying of about 700 head of cattle. On top of bridge deck there are spacious deckhouses for saloon passengers' staterooms, accommodation for captain, officers, bathrooms, etc.; also separate houses at each side on top of the bridge at the after end for the engineers, refrigerating engineers, cooks, stewards, bathrooms, etc. The refrigerating machinery is of the patent CO_2 brine pipe system, and is of sufficient power for refrigerating about 300,000 cubic feet, so that the whole of the vessel under the upper deck can be utilised for Australian cargoes. The insulated chambers have been specially constructed and packed with silicate cotton. A complete installation of electric light has been fitted throughout the vessel. The whole of the decks are of steel. The chart and wheelhouse is fitted up on top of the saloon deck, and a large steel steam steering-house is built aft on top of shelter deck. Water ballast is carried in cellular double-bottom throughout, and in fore and aft peak tanks, the total water ballast capacity being 2000 tons. There are five large cargo hatchways, 11 powerful steam winches, direct steam windlass, with quick warping ends, and stockless anchors. The vessel is rigged with two steel masts with telescopic topmasts, four derrick posts, and 16 derricks. Bilge keels are fitted for 200ft each side of the vessel, which is steam-heated throughout. There are seven watertight bulkheads, and the loading and discharging appliances have received special attention to meet the requirements of the Australian trade. The engines have been constructed by Messrs. Richardsons, Westgarth, and Co., Limited, Middlesborough, and are of the inverted triple-expansion type, having cylinders 32, 53, and 88 inches in diameter by 54in stroke, steam being supplied by four single-ended multi-tubular boilers, each 16ft diameter by 12ft long, 180lb working pressure, having three patent furnaces in each boiler. Forced draught is also fitted, together with extra large evaporator, ballast pumps, spare propeller, and crank shafts. The shafting throughout is considerably in excess of Lloyd's requirements. It is estimated that the vessel will steam 13 knots fully loaded. The ceremony of naming the vessel Carpentaria was performed by Mrs. M'Arthur, wife of Mr. W. A. M'Arthur, M.P., one of the directors of the Gulf line.

THE ERNEST LEGOUVE, FROM LIVERPOOL—SMART SAILING.

The French barque Ernest Legouve, in ballast from Liverpool, via Brest and Hobart, arrived in port yesterday and anchored in Neutral Bay. She left Liverpool on August 19, and Brest on August 26, so she made the passage to Tasmania in about eighty days. After rounding the Cape of Good Hope fair winds favoured the Ernest Legouve, and she reached Hobart in the remarkably short space of 23 days, which is said to be a record. An Italian barque, the Fortuna, sailed from land to land in 26 days; and the Charles Racine, a French barque, arrived at Hobart from Delagoa Bay in 27 days, from which it will be seen that the Ernest Legouve lowered the record considerably. She called at Hobart on November 16 for orders and received instructions to proceed to Sydney. The voyage was resumed on Saturday last, the distance between Hobart and Sydney being covered in the excellent time of five days. The voyage from Liverpool to Sydney including stoppages at two ports, occupied only 94 days—a creditable performance. Captain Conval states that strong south-westerly winds ruled the whole way from Tasmania. The vessel was spoken at 5.30 a.m. yesterday, 15 miles north-east of the Heads, by the steamer Rockton, from Fiji, which reported the fact that the French barque was on the coast. The Ernest Legouve has been chartered by Messrs. W. and A. M'Arthur, Limited, to load a cargo of wheat for the United Kingdom or the Continent.

FAST STEAMING OF THE YONGALA.

The Yongala, one of the two recent fine additions to the passenger fleet of the Adelaide Steamship Company, Ltd., has just put up another highly creditable performance. She made the run from Fremantle to Albany, wharf to wharf, a distance of 375 miles, in 24 hours.

THE ISTRAR, FROM GLASGOW.

The steamer Istrar, of 4562 tons, under charter to the Ocean S.S. Company (Holt's Blue Funnel line), arrived at Sydney yesterday from Glasgow, via ports, after a successful voyage. She left Glasgow on October 1, and had a fine-weather passage to the Cape. Strong winds and high seas then set in, and almost without intermission continued until two days prior to the vessel's arrival at Adelaide on the 16th inst. A call was subsequently made at Melbourne. The Istrar was built in 1896 by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, of Belfast, and is classed 100 A1 at Lloyd's. She is 400 ft in length, with a beam of 46ft and a depth of 29ft. The Istrar is supplied with engines of the triple expansion type.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

CAIRNS (1400 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Arawatta, s, from Sydney.

TOWNSVILLE (1370 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Chillagoe, s, from Sydney; Innamincka, s, from Cairns.

FLAT TOP (1125 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Wollowra, s, and Tyrian, s, both from Sydney. Dep: Nov. 24, Colac, s, for Sydney.

GLADSTONE (828 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Cooeyanna, s, from Brisbane. Dep: Nov. 24, Burwah, s, for Rockhampton.

BUNDABERG (717 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Gayundah, gunboat, from Brisbane. Dep: Nov. 27, Eurimbla, s, for Brisbane.

BRISBANE (500 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Barcoo, s, from Townsville; Wyandra, s, and Barrabool, s, both from Sydney; Tinana, s, from Rockhampton; Aramac, s, from Cooktown.

TWEED HEADS (374 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Augusta, s, at 9 a.m.; Duroby, s, at 6.45 p.m.

BYRON BAY (345 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Cavanba, s, at 1.45 p.m.

RICHMOND HEADS (331 miles).—Arr: Nov 24, Tomki, s, at 7.30 a.m. Passed: Elbing, s, at 5.5 p.m., Australian, s, at 6.30 p.m., both north.

CLARENCE HEADS (286 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Kallatina, s, at daylight. Dep: Wyoming, s, at 1.20 p.m.

WOOLGOOLGA (254 miles).—Nov. 24, Wollumbin, s, called at 2 p.m., going north.

COFF'S HARBOUR (237 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Wollumbin, s, at 8 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: Nov. 23, Dorrigo, s, at 8 p.m., for Sydney.

BELLINGER HEADS (231 miles).—Dep: Nov. 24, Nerong, s, at 8.30 a.m., Wave, ktch, at 7 a.m., Rozelle, ktch, at 7.30 a.m., all for Sydney.

SMOKY CAPE (205 miles).—Passed: Nov. 24, St. George, s, at 1.50 p.m., north.

PORT MACQUARIE (174 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Rosedale, s, at 6.30 a.m. Dep: Phil Forbes, ktch, at 7 a.m.; Myrtle, s, at 8 a.m. Passed: H.M.S. Pylades at 4.10 p.m., south.

TACKING POINT (169 miles).—Passed: Nov. 24, Nerong, s, at 6.15 p.m., south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (159 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Bellinger, s, at 6.55 p.m. Dep: Nov. 23, Ladysmith, ktch, at 2.6 p.m. Nov. 24, Zelma, ktch, at 7.40 a.m.

CROWDY HEADS (147 miles).—Passed: Nov. 24, a steamer, like Augusta, at 9.20 a.m., Myee, s, at 2.30 p.m., Peregrine, s, at 4 p.m., all south.

MANNING HEADS (144 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Electra, s, at 6 a.m.

PORT STEPHENS (83 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Resolute, s, at 7.30 a.m.; Magdalene, s, at 4.50 p.m. Dep: Hawke, s, at 12.30 p.m., for Sydney. Passed: A ketch at 10.15 a.m., Pretoria, s, at 10.15 a.m., Ramornie, s, at 11.50 a.m., Kyogle, s, at 3.25 p.m., Dorrigo, s, at 4.50 p.m., Albany, s, at 6.55 p.m., a steamer like John Williams, at 6.55 p.m., all south; a topsail schooner at 10.15 a.m., a topsail schooner at 4.50 p.m., Euphrates, s, at 5.35 p.m., Macleay, s, at 5.35 p.m., Euroka, s, at 5.35 p.m., all north.

BARRANJOEY (19½ miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Wyalong, s, at 6 p.m.

NEWCASTLE (62 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Namoi, s, Euroka, s, Macleay, s, Friendship, s, Eliza Alban, sch, Sophia Ann, s, Kiama, s, Magdalene, s, Beagle, s, Willyama, s, from Sydney; Melbourne, s, from Melbourne; Albany, s, from Brisbane. Dep: Nov. 24, Derwent, s, Duckenfield, s, Namoi, s, for Sydney; Margarita, bq, for Auckland, with 467 tons coal; Grasmere, bq, for Valparaiso, with 1823 tons Brown's coal; Defiance, bqtn, for Auckland, with 353 tons coal; Euroka, s, for the north; Macleay, s, for the Macleay River; Korunna, ktch, for the north; Friendship, s, for Cape Hawke; Sophia Ann, s, Kiama, s, Hawke, s, all for Sydney; Kincumber, s, for the Manning River.

BELLAMBI (41 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Marjorie, s, at 5 a.m., from Sydney.

WOLLONGONG (44 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Herga, s, at 1.30 p.m., Mount Kembla, s, at 2.30 p.m., Wallsend, s, at 3.5 p.m., all from Sydney. Dep: Illawarra, s, at 3.35 p.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY (87 miles).—Passed: Nov. 24, Melbourne, s, at 8.20 a.m., Easby, s, at 12.5 p.m., Allinga, s, at 2.5 p.m., Urmston Grange, s, at 3.10 p.m., Konoowarra, s, at 3.30 p.m., all north.

BATEMAN'S BAY (134 miles).—Dep: Nov. 24, Peterborough, s, at 10 a.m., for Sydney.

MORUYA (141 miles).—Passed: Nov. 24, a barque in light trim at 3 p.m., north.

EDEN (210 miles).—Dep: Nov. 24, Wakatipu, s, at 8.30 a.m., for Launceston.

GREEN CAPE (218 miles).—Passed: Nov. 24, Gabo, s, at 6.10 p.m., north.

GABO ISLAND (228 miles).—Passed: Nov. 24, a steamer, yellow funnel, black top, at 5.20 a.m., west; a steamer, red funnel, black top, at 7.15 a.m., Wakatipu, s, at 12.5 p.m., both south; Moldavia, R.M.S., at 1.5 p.m., Lady Mildred, s, at 1.35 p.m., both north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (426 miles).—Outward: Nov. 24, a large steamer at 1.20 a.m., a steamer at 2.5 a.m.

MELBOURNE (574 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Flora, s, from Devonport; Wodonga, s, from Sydney; Taiyuan, s, from Hongkong; Norkowa, s, from Newcastle; Wareatea, s, from Launceston. Dep: Nov. 24, Darius, s, for Calcutta; Age, s, for Port Pirie; Loch Garry, ship, for London.

HOBART (648 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Moeraki, s, at 12.45 p.m., from New Zealand. Dep: Anglian, s, at 11.10 a.m., for Sydney.

STANLEY.—Arr: Nov. 23, Aristides, ktch, and Berean, ktch, from Adelaide.

BURNIE.—Dep: Nov. 23, Flora, s, at 8.30 p.m., for Melbourne.

ADELAIDE (1084 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Yongala, s, from Western Australia; Moonta, s, from Newcastle; Port Victoria, s, from the Eastern States; Orizaba, R.M.S., from the Eastern States; Sydney, s, from Western Australia; Tana, bq, from Algoa Bay. Dep: Nov. 24, Orissa, R.M.S., for London, via ports; Yongala, s, for the Eastern States; Burrumbeet, s, for the Eastern States; Monarch, s, for London and Continent; Geelong, s, for the Eastern States.

ALBANY (2016 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Buninyong, s, from the eastern States.

FREMANTLE (2460 miles).—Arr: Nov. 24, Omrah, R.M.S., at 5.45 a.m., from London; Kanowna, s, at 7.40 a.m., from Sydney, via ports. Dep: Coolgardie, s, Surada, s, both at 1.25 a.m., Omrah, R.M.S., at 2.45 p.m., all for Sydney.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1239 miles).—Dep: Nov. 24, Tongariro, s, for London.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

BELMORE WARD.

Mr. Clarke addressed a large meeting of electors of Belmore Ward from the balcony of the Warwick Arms Hotel, Riley-street, last night. Mr. John Mackey occupied the chair. The candidate dealt at length with the finances of the City Council, stating there was much room for improvement. He advocated the retention of the Belmore markets on their present site. Mr. Clarke was well received, and a vote of confidence was carried unanimously.

COOK WARD.

Alderman R. W. Richards addressed the electors of Cook Ward at Ryan's Hotel, Waterloo and Devonshire streets, on Wednesday evening. Mr. Michael M'Grath presided. In the course of a lengthy address the candidate enumerated his actions in the council, and submitted that he had fulfilled every pledge he had made to them when soliciting their support on the occasion of the last election. He expressed himself as opposed to the absorption of Camperdown for the reason that the width of streets and lanes was not such as would permit the council to take over a private estate similarly circumstanced, and was generally provided against in the Sydney Corporation Act. A number of ratepayers also addressed the meeting.

The candidate was accorded a vote of confidence.

A Brussels student, disappointed at having failed in an examination, made a bonfire of all his books. This did not satisfy him, so he set his college on fire. One of the rooms was entirely destroyed.

GRAY'S ESTATE.—Torrens title, close to tram and Coogee Bay. To-morrow. R. and H.—Advt.

The Wool Harvest of 1904 is splendidly illustrated by three pages of pictures in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average rainfall for 45 years, 49.426.
Average for 46 years from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, [illegible]
Total from Jan. 1 to Nov. 24, 44.991.
Temperature.—Maximum, 78.3; minimum, [illegible]; 9 p.m., 63.5.
Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 58; at 3 p.m., 56.

BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 A.M.

Geraldton, 30.05; Perth, 30.10; Esperance Bay, 30.09; Eucla, 30.07; Streaky Bay, 30.16; Adelaide, 30.14; Robe, 29.94; Portland, 30.02; Melbourne, 30.01; Wilson's Promontory, 29.92; Cape St. George, 29.84; Sydney, 29.90; Newcastle, 29.92; Port Macquarie, 29.96; Clarence Heads, 29.90; Brisbane, 29.90; Rockhampton, 29.97; Mackay, 29.91; Cooktown, 29.94.

RAINFALL.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.)—Bega 3 points, Candelo 5, Eden 4, Pambula 1.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.)—Fine, pleasant weather prevailed generally; some cloud extended from Victoria to southern border districts, but only light rain resulted at four stations in the extreme SE.

Western Australia.—Cloudy to dull on the South Coast, fine and warm elsewhere.

South Australia.—Generally fine and clear over northern half, but fine but cloudy to overcast elsewhere.

Victoria.—Fine but cloudy inland, showery on the coast.

Tasmania.—Cloudy to showery generally.

Northern Territory.—Hot and unsettled throughout.

Queensland.—Fine but cloudy over greater part of northern division, clear elsewhere.

New Caledonia.—Clear at Gomen.

THE RIVERS INLAND.

The heights of rivers above summer level at 9 a.m. on Thursday were: Albury, 3ft 1in; Balranald, [illegible]; Bingara, 2ft; Boggabilla, 1ft 9in, f; Booligal, [illegible]; Bourke, 2ft 6in, f; Brewarrina, 4ft 5in, f; Condobolin, 1ft 6in; Cowra, 1ft 6in; Deniliquin, [illegible]; Dubbo, 2ft; Euabalong, 1ft 6in, f; Euston, [illegible]; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 2ft 6in; Gunnedah, [illegible]; Hay, 4ft 6in; Hillston, 1ft 6in, f; Kunopia, low; Louth, 7ft 8in, f; Manilla, low; Menindie, [illegible]; Mogil, low; Mungundi, 4ft 11in, f; Moama, [illegible]; Moulamein, 7ft 8in; Narrandera, [illegible]; Pooncarie, [illegible]; Tilpa, 8ft 6in, f; Tocumwal, [illegible]; Wagga, 3ft 6in; Wentworth, 13ft 7in; Wilcannia, [illegible]; Yetman, 5ft 7in; Barwon River, at Walgett, 7ft 5in, f; Namoi River, at Walgett, 2ft 11in, stationary.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 9 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S, light, fine, sea moderate; Byron Bay, SE, light, hazy, sea smooth; Ballina, NE, hazy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, S, light, hazy, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, calm, hazy, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, S, light, hazy, sea smooth; Manning Heads, SE, hazy, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, interrupted; Port Stephens, SE, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Newcastle, SE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, SE, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, SE, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Barranjoey, SE, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; South Head, ESE, light, fine, sea slight; Wollongong, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, E, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, S, fresh, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, SE, mod., cloudy, sea smooth; Ulladulla, calm, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, E, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, NE, light, dull, sea smooth; Eden, S, strong, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, SW, strong, gloomy, sea slight; Gabo Island, S, strong, cloudy, sea moderate.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Generally fine; some cloud over south-eastern quarter of the State, with a few very light showers; south-west to south-east winds, gradually veering to north-east, with daily rising temperatures. H. A. Hunt.

Victoria.—Fine and cool, partially cloudy; some passing showers near coast; SW winds, fresh, squally in Straits; sea moderating.—P. Baracchi.

South Australia.—Fine and pleasant, with south to east winds, tending northerly shortly; smooth sea.—C. Todd.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR NOVEMBER 25.

Sun rises at 4.39, sets at 6.45; Moon, 8.46 p.m., 4.9 a.m.; Mercury, 5.25 a.m., 7.53 p.m.; Venus, 4.29 a.m., 6.32 p.m.; Mars, 4.52 a.m., 7.51 p.m.; Jupiter, 3.9 p.m., 2.48 a.m.; Saturn, 10.2 a.m., 11.42 p.m.

New moon, Dec. 7; full moon, Dec. 22.

High water at Fort Denison, 9.26 a.m., 9.49 p.m.

RAINFALLS IN QUEENSLAND.

Following are the principal rainfalls for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Thursday:—

North: Balfe's Creek 72 points, Clarke River 25, Croydon 25, Georgetown 33, Irvinebank 67, Junction Creek 106, Maytown 65, Mount Garnet 134, Palmerville 18, Pentland 41, Tate River 145, Thornborough 40, Walsh River 172, Wyandotte 26.

Central: Dingo 45 points, Duaringa 28.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30§ and 7 p.m.
§Letters for Melbourne only will be accepted without late fee for the Express from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., if posted at G.P.O. in the special box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.††
††Letters for Queensland will be accepted without late fee for the Northern express from 3.45 to 4.15 p.m., if posted at the G.P.O. in the special box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Orion, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Westralia, 11 a.m.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Corinthic, 11 a.m.
Brisbane.—Gabo, 1 p.m.
Richmond River.—Ramornie, 1 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
Bellinger Heads.—Nerong, 4 p.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 8 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 9.30 p.m.
*Western Australia, via Adelaide and Fremantle.—Pilbarra, 9.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Hobart.—Anglian, 11 a.m.
Eden.—Bega, 3 p.m.
Manning River.—Electra, 6 p.m.
Port Macquarie, Nambucca Heads, and Macksville.—Rosedale, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Wardell (R.R.).—Tomki, 2 p.m.
Fiji, Fanning Island, Honolulu, Canada, U.S. of America, Central America, West Indies, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe, via Brisbane.—R.M.S. Aorangi, 2.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Aorangi (letters addressed to persons on board). Overland to Brisbane, 2.30 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. China, 5 p.m.
R.M.S. China (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 5 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. China, 5.30 p.m.
Dunedin, etc., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Moeraki, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay.—Cavanba, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Auckland, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Victoria, 11 a.m.
Noumea and Fiji.—Rockton, 4 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 7 p.m.
*Correspondence intended for transmission by this vessel must be specially endorsed with the name of the ship.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, City, Suburban, and Country Properties.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

C. F. W. LLOYD.—At 673 Dowling-street, Moore Park, at 11, Books, Geological Specimens, etc.
A. BARNETT.—At West's Yard, Engine-street, Haymarket, at 11, Engines, Boilers, Pumps, Tanks, etc.
J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Carpets, Pianofortes, Violin, Bicycle.
J. P. LISTER.—At 36 Oxford-street, at 10.30, Stock-in-Trade of a Tobacconist, Counter Cases, etc.; at his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.; at 3, Jewellery, etc.
A. G. JENKINS.—On the premises, Pitt-street, near Bathurst-street, at 11, Galvanised Iron, Paint, Ironmongery, Stoves, etc.; on the premises, George-street, Manly, at 2.30, Furniture, etc.
FRASER, LUTHER, and CO.—At Wilson's Wharf, Gladstone-street, Balmain, at 2, Salvage Goods, Machinery, Boiler, Canvas, Oil Tanks, Brass Fittings, etc.; at Darling Harbour Wharf, Western Side, at 11, Loose Leaf Tobacco.
S. DAVIS.—At Bijou Cottage, Devon, Parkestead, Bondi, at 11, Furniture, Glassware, China, Linoleums, Sewing Machine, etc.
J. G. FLEMING and SONS.—At the Rooms, at 2.30, Furniture, Crockery, Piano, Gas Stove, Show Cases, etc.
MITCHELL and CRANSTON.—At Tara, corner of Rowe-street and Edgecliff-road, Waverley, at 11, Furniture, Sewing Machines, Linoleums, Glassware, etc.
STRONGMAN and WATSON.—At Burgh House, 14 Parkroad, Moore Park, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, etc.
F. H. DYER and CO.—At the Royal Exchange Salerooms, at 2.30, Teas.
H. HAINS.—At 243 Oxford-street, at 2.30, Stock-in-trade of Confectioner, etc.
V. H. KELSON.—At the Rooms, at 2.30, Furniture, Cutlery, Chinaware, Linoleums, etc.
MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 2, Furniture, Clothing, etc.
H. LEVY.—At Bronte-street, Waverley, at 10.30, Furniture, etc.; at 135 Regent-street, at 2, Furniture, Clothing, etc.
LEAN.—At 75 Engine-street, at 2.30, Furniture, Clothing, etc.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Wool Salerooms, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.
GEORGE H. MOXHAM and CO.—At the Wool Exchange, at 11 Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At their Rooms, at 1.30, Pigs, Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, etc.
C. J. TURNER.—At his Rooms, at 1.30, Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, etc.
ELLIS and CO.—At their Yards, at 1, Pigs, Vealers, Butter, Eggs, etc.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30, 11, and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, etc.; at the Camperdown Yards, at 2, Horses.
J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At the Rooms, at 11, Dogcart.

Among the Japanese, the rikisha men, with muscles like steel bands, will whirl their seated passengers over the ground, at the speed of a horse's trot, forty miles a day, for days together. Their diet consists of rice, vegetables, and occasionally a little fish.

When a clergyman declared in a New Albany (Indiana) church that it was the duty of all women to marry, Miss Selina Bliss rose and hissed him. She has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for blasphemy.

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CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

MR. ASHTON'S MEASURE.

THE SECOND READING SPEECH.

When the Legislative Assembly met last evening after the dinner hour, the order of the day relating to the second reading of the Closer Settlement Bill was called on.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS rose, amidst encouraging cheers of the Ministerial and Labour members, to move the second reading. He remarked that there was very little need to emphasise the demand made in various quarters for legislation of the kind proposed. The present Assembly, as well as two previous ones, had affirmed the desirability of incorporating the principle of enforced resumption with closer settlement. In that the Legislative Assembly reflected the views of the vast majority of the people of New South Wales.

EVILS OF PAST LAND LEGISLATION.

One of the evils arising from the land legislation of this State in the past was exhibited by the aggregation of private estates to be found in those districts most eminently suited for closer settlement. The result was that men desirous of becoming agriculturists were compelled to go into country districts remote from civilisation and the main lines of railway communication, and in which the conditions for carrying on agricultural pursuits were, in many cases, precarious. In this, as in many other countries, a large body of opinion existed that the rights of men in regard to land differed materially from the rights of men in relation to various other forms of aggregated wealth. One phase of that opinion was that no individual, or set of individuals, should be permitted to allow land to lie idle, and thus detracting from the national prosperity, and the material comfort of large numbers of their fellow-creatures. (Cheers.) Without labouring the ethical aspect of the question, that might be regarded as the foundation of the legislation submitted in the bill. Should it become law, and its provisions be acted upon in anything like the way that similar provisions had been acted upon in other States, particularly in New Zealand, he thought the whole face of the country might be changed in a very few years for the better.

ADVANTAGES OF CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

It would offer opportunities for adopting a course of procedure widely different from that which they were compelled to follow to a large extent under the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts. That was to say, instead of spreading their small settlers out in remote districts, far from railways, the opportunity would be afforded to concentrate the population along existing lines of railways. (Cheers.) That, from the financial standpoint, might result in something like this—that instead of spending large sums of money in extending railways into the interior, they would spend the money in the resumption of private estates for the purpose of settling people along the main trunk and branch lines of railway, with infinite advantages to the settlers themselves, and to the whole of the general community. In this way the revenue of the existing railways would be greatly increased, and the country as a whole materially benefited.

COMPULSORY RESUMPTION IN NEW ZEALAND.

The compulsory resumption of land had passed out of the experimental stage in New Zealand, where 139 estates, covering [illegible] acres, were purchased for £3,440,000, the average cost of resumption per acre being £5. In Queensland, up to the end of last year, 20 estates, covering 307,000 acres, were purchased for £790,000, the average cost per acre being £2 11s 5d. As showing the progressive activity of the system of resumption in New Zealand, he need only state that whilst in 1894-95 the area of land purchased was 9000 acres, on which 87 selectors were settled, in 1903 some 116,000 acres were purchased, and provided homes for 232 persons. From 1894-95 up to March, 1904, 613,000 acres of land were resumed, of which 476,000 acres were disposed of in 2745 holdings. The average holding of each selector was 210 acres, and the average money value £1109. The last report of the New Zealand Government showed that the prospects of 122 out of the 139 estates were good, and only 17 were classed as fair, unsatisfactory, or doubtful.

NEW ZEALAND AND QUEENSLAND STATISTICS.

During the first six years of operations of the Closer Settlement Act in New Zealand, the expenditure was £159,000 on the acquisition of estates, and during the last six years the average was no less than £438,000 per annum. In Queensland, he found that the area acquired up to the end of 1903, was 304,000 acres, the area made available was 286,000, the area sold 253,000 acres, and the area cultivated at the date of the report 53,000 acres, or 25 per cent. The total number of holdings was 1322, and the amount paid for the land resumed £789,000. The figures in relation to Queensland showed that the expenditure during recent years had been considerably in excess of the expenditure for the acquisition of estates during the earlier years of the legislation. The average holding under the Queensland law was 192 acres, and the average capital value of the land let out to settlers was £596 per holding. The number of acres under cultivation in New Zealand was about 25 per cent., totalling 53,000 acres, last year. Crops and stock returns from the area disposed of under the Act were as follows:—Wheat, 287,000 bushels; barley, 67,000 bushels; oats, 64,000 bushels; maize, 63,000 bushels; potatoes, 544 tons; hay, 11,600 tons; pumpkins, onions, and turnips, about 380 tons. The stock carried was 5000 dairy cows, 2790 other cattle, 4600 horses, 23,000 sheep, and 2600 pigs.

ADVANTAGES OF COMPULSORY PURCHASE.

Out of 139 estates acquired in New Zealand only about six were obtained under the compulsory clauses of the Act, the balance of 133 being acquired by private negotiations. It should further be pointed out that some of the six which were resumed under the compulsory provisions belonged to trustees, who had no power to sell, but were consenting parties to the resumptions. In Queensland the system was entirely voluntary, and the acquisition of estates had been by private negotiations. It might be argued from these instances that there was no need for the compulsory clauses of the present bill, but the mere presence of the compulsory provisions would make a very material difference indeed to the negotiations between the Government and the owners of estates for the acquisition of land. (Cheers.) The owner of an estate would no doubt evince a much greater disposition to come to a fair agreement with the Crown when he knew that the power of resumption was vested in the Crown. (Cheers.)

LAND OWNERS NEED NOT FEAR COMPULSION.

Official figures from New Zealand showed that in every case under compulsory resumption, where the matter had been referred to a tribunal, the Government had been compelled to pay considerably more than it had been prepared to offer. That went to show that at all events land owners had not so much to fear from the operation of compulsory resumption under the New Zealand law, which was in the main followed in the proposed bill. (Cheers.) The power of resumption also gave the Crown power over the regulation of settlement, which it could not otherwise obtain. In the absence of the compulsory clauses of the bill, private owners would be absolutely masters of the situation. (Opposition cheers.) That would mean that the Government could not in the main buy the estates which it was most desirable to obtain for closer settlement purposes. (Cheers.)

ESTATES SUITABLE FOR RESUMPTION.

The Minister then quoted a list of the estates that had already been offered to the Government. They were about 33 in number. It was admitted, he said, that many of those did not offer such facilities for closer settlement as some estates he could name. There was the estate of the Peel River Company at Tamworth, which would represent more to the State if resumed for closer settlement than any other that could be undertaken. (Loud cheers.) It would furnish concentrated and consolidated settlement in one of the best districts, such as probably would be presented by no other estate. (Cheers.) It would be exceedingly probable that if the bill were passed in its present form one of the first estates to be dealt with by the Government would be the Peel River Company's Estate. (Cheers.) Bearing in mind the statistics he had quoted as to resumption in New Zealand, and the splendid district in which the Peel River estate was situated, he thought they would admit that such a resumption would be justified in the eyes of everybody in the State. (Cheers.) In view of what was taking place in Queensland, what had taken place in New Zealand, and that the Victorian Parliament had just passed an Act of legislation practically on all fours with the New Zealand legislation, it would be absolutely imperative on the part of New South Wales to adopt a similar course, as it was our bounden duty to keep pace with the efforts put forward in these States, not only for the purpose of holding our own population, but for the purpose of getting as much new population as we possibly could.

A CLOSER SETTLEMENT BOARD.

The first part of the bill repealed and practically re-enacted the present law. Part 2 dealt with the resumption of private lands, and before he discussed the provisions of that part he would draw members' attention to what was provided in clause 41. It provided that there should be constituted for the purposes of this Act a closer settlement board, to consist of the three members of the local land board in the district in which the land purposed to be acquired was situated, sitting conjointly as one tribunal with the three members of the Land Appeal Court. The object of the amalgamation was primarily in order to get a purely local knowledge and view in regard to the proposals submitted for investigation and report; and also to obtain from the Land Appeal Court a general view which the members of the Court might be expected to have of the conditions of land settlement throughout the State, not only on the initiation of their work, but more especially after they had taken part in a number of inquiries, which would be held under the proposed Act. Clause 12 provided that the compulsory provisions of the Act should apply only where the private land intended to be set apart for closer settlement exceeded £20,000 in value. The object of the insertion of the clause was to give, so far as it was possible, notice to land owners whose lands were valued at not greater than a certain sum that interference with their holdings was not threatened by this legislation. (Hear, hear.) The amount named was an arbitrary one; the House might see fit to alter it, but he thought that some amount ought to be adopted, in order that the area of insecurity might be reduced to the smallest limits consistent with the policy that he proposed to carry out. The reason that he adopted £20,000 was that it had already been incorporated in Mr. Crick's bill, which passed that Chamber last Parliament.

A MISCONCEPTION EXPLODED.

Mr. Neilsen had interjected, when he was speaking on the powers of resumption being in the main on all fours with the New Zealand law, that the Government there had the power to resume private lands on land tax valuation plus 10 per cent. He had been at great pains to acquire information on that point, as that statement had been made here so frequently that he had come to accept it as gospel truth; but he was very much surprised to find that it was not in accordance with fact. He had been officially informed from New Zealand that, although the provision once existed in the Land Taxation Acts, and was adopted not for the purpose of acquiring land, but for the purpose of obtaining honest valuations for taxation, it had since been repealed—repealed because it was found to be unworkable.

Mr. GEORGE: Before it was repealed the New Zealand Government resumed the Cheviot Estate.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS was afraid that did not accord with the facts of the case. Values under the Land Tax Valuation Act of New Zealand were now regulated by a very complicated measure. The object of the Valuer-General under that Act was to get a high value, whereas under closer settlement the object was to get a low value. He had made special inquiry as to how the law in connection with closer settlement operated in New Zealand, and had received a communication from the chairman of the Land Purchase Commission detailing the procedure adopted, which was stated to be costly. The great difficulty had been to get evidence of true values, for nearly everyone had his own ideas, and the awards had all been in excess of the prices offered.

NOTIFICATION OF RESUMPTIONS.

The Minister may appoint persons to report as to the desirability of making resumptions, and, after receipt of the report, he may make a notification to the owner if, in his opinion, the land is desirable to be resumed, and that would operate as a restriction on the disposition of the land for 12 months after the date of the notification. The necessity for that was obvious, for it would be absurd for the Government and Parliament to proceed to a certain point and then to find it was defeated at the last moment. It was within the power of the Minister to refer to the Closer Settlement Board an estate for valuation purposes. The owner had the right to put in a claim at those proceedings for the retention of an area out of the estate proposed to be resumed not exceeding £10,000 in value. The amount, however, could be varied by the House when in committee. The area, situation, and boundaries of the area to be retained by the owner shall be determined by the Closer Settlement Board. He assumed that the board would act fairly between the Government and the owner. He was not prepared to concede to the owner the unrestricted right to indicate what area he would retain. Just as he objected to an owner having the right to peacock an estate, he would object to the Crown peacocking an estate by leaving only the inferior part to the owner, and he gave the owner the right, the unrestricted right, to say that the whole of an estate shall be taken if any is resumed.

APPEALS AGAINST VALUATION.

The valuation constituted one of the most difficult parts of the bill. When Parliament authorised the resumption after valuation by the Closer Settlement Board, the owner, if he were dissatisfied with the price, might, within 28 days of the notification of resumption, lodge with the Minister notice of appeal on the prescribed form. He had come to the conclusion that the only fair system to adopt in regard to valuations was that the valuations should be made after resumptions were determined upon by Parliament.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY.

No resumptions could be made except by Parliamentary authority. A resolution of both Houses would have to be passed before resumption could be effected. He intended to stand by that part of the bill. He was not prepared to accept the dictum of the Legislative Assembly only, because until the Legislative Council was abolished they were bound to treat it as an integral part of the Legislature. Members would be well advised if they accepted that part of the bill, and he asked members who held very strong opinions to consider if they were not prepared to concede something, in order to get the compulsory provisions, with all the advantages which were experienced in New Zealand.

DISPOSAL OF THE LAND.

Before the land was disposed of, a plan of the designed subdivision would be submitted to the Minister by the Closer Settlement Board. The design plan would include the lands acquired and any adjacent Crown lands set apart by the Minister to become part of the settlement purchase area. The object was to get full advantage of the system of classification after an exhaustive inquiry. Any adjacent Crown lands set apart by the Minister for the purpose shall be treated as part and parcel of the whole settlement area. Any person not under 21 years of age, not being the holder of any land except town or suburban land, or any lease, could apply for a settlement purchase, but if he was the holder of any other land it would be a disqualification. The object was to try and make every holding an addition to the settlements in the State.

THE BALLOT SYSTEM.

In connection with applications for land, he proposed to depart from the ballot system, and to give the land boards a discriminating power as to who was a suitable or unsuitable applicant.

Mr. NORTON: Is any preference given to residents of New South Wales as against residents of other States?

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: No; there was not. He held very strongly by the provision giving the land boards discriminating powers, because it had frequently happened under the ballot system that land boards knew they were conferring land upon men who were absolutely lacking in the qualities of desirable selectors.

Mr. NIELSEN: The boards can discriminate now.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: No, not since the ballot system came into operation in 1903. The bill provided that the capital cost of a settlement must be repaid in 34 years.

THE RESIDENCE PROVISIONS.

The residence provisions introduced a new feature. The condition was 10 years' residence on every settlement. It was provided, however, that instead of residence commencing within three months after the date of confirmation of application, it need not commence for 12 months. The object of that was to give the applicant an opportunity to provide a comfortable home for his wife and family, before they were required to join him. It was also provided that the commencement of residence might be extended to any date up to five years, provided the successful applicant agreed to certain conditions as to cultivation required by the land board. The object was to enable a man who was either working on his own account or for an employer, in a city or a town, and who was anxious to go on the land, to do so as soon as the time was ripe for him to take up his permanent abode on the selection. A provision of that kind would make land available to a very desirable class of holders. It was also provided that residence upon any holding within the settlement area would be regarded as equivalent to residence upon the actual settlement taken up by an applicant. Another important provision gave power to a land board to permit a man to perform his residence conditions by residing in an "adjacent" village or town. Such permission might be conditional or unconditional. In this way all the conditions of closer settlement would be carried out as regarded the cultivation of the land, whilst the settler would benefit from the higher form of civilisation, such as schools, for instance, existing in the town or village.

Mr. MACDONELL: Do you fix a radius within which a man must reside?

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: No; he had no objection to fixing a radius, except that he thought it might prove arbitrary. Provided the land board had power to impose conditions of cultivation, it seemed to him that a provision of that kind would relieve country life of a good deal of what was now regarded as a hardship.

Mr. NORTON: Why should land boards have powers of discrimination in regard to imposing conditions in different cases?

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: Because it seemed to him that each case should be dealt with on its merits.

TRANSFERS AND MORTGAGES.

Clause 31 provided that if a holder of a settlement purchase transferred to an individual who already held a settlement purchase the transfer would be void. In other words, the purchaser could never acquire a title.

Mr. NORTON: Does not that destroy the value of the freehold.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS admitted that it would reduce the value of the freehold, but it would prevent the aggregation of estates under one holder. One of the principal objects of clause 32 was to create a facility for the holder borrowing money during the ten years that the residence condition would attach to the settlement purchase. During the period that a breach of the residence conditions would vitiate the security it would follow that it would be very difficult indeed to borrow money. Hence power was given to the mortgagee under certain conditions to fulfil the residence conditions through an approved nominee for a period of 12 months, or for such further period as might be approved by the Minister. This proviso was intended to afford the mortgagee some security he would not otherwise have. Of course, a mortgagee could not remain indefinitely in possession. Although he did not know it at the time the bill was framed, he found there was a similar provision in the Queensland law.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MEASURE.

He would ask the House to give earnest consideration to the details of the measure, which was fraught with a great deal of good or a great deal of evil for the community. (Cheers.) He would refrain from dealing with the less important details of the measure, and would ask hon. members to allow the second reading to be taken as early as possible, in view of the fact that all the main clauses of the bill were such as would lend themselves to exhaustive discussion in committee, and the matters could be threshed out thoroughly there without a prolonged second reading debate. (Cheers.)

THE GENERAL DEBATE.

Mr. NIELSEN said he assumed they would all admit that something was necessary, however drastic it might appear, to bring into use those lands which should never have been allowed to go out of their proper use by the people. (Cheers.) He joined issue with the Minister for Lands when he proposed under this bill to, after a few years, accentuate the evils that existed to-day, whereas if he had brought forward a bill of another description it would have had the effect of making closer settlement the permanent institution which everybody desired it should be. (Opposition cheers.) So far as the closer settlement proposed under the bill was concerned he would sooner wait five or ten years than accept it.

Mr. GEORGE said he entirely agreed with the principle embodied in the bill, which would practically enable those who took the land to become freeholders.

Mr. O'Sullivan spoke in support of the bill.

The debate was adjourned, on the motion of Mr. Norton, until Tuesday, when it will take precedence of other business.

SYDNEY LABOUR COUNCIL.

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS AND ELECTRICAL EMPLOYEES.

The Electrical Trades' Employees' Union having failed to induce the Railway Commissioners to receive a deputation in order to discuss working conditions, the Sydney Labour Council was recently asked to use its influence in the matter, as it was considered probable that a request from that body would meet with more success. The council consented, and at last night's meeting it was reported by the executive that, although they had requested the Railway Commissioners to appoint a time when a deputation from the council would be received, the request had been refused, the Commissioners stating that the Labour Council was not a body they could in any way recognise in connection with the administration of the railway and tramway services, and that the proposed deputation could therefore not be received, but that if any of the men considered that they were subject to disabilities it was open for them to appeal individually to the Commissioners.

DISTRESS IN THE BUILDING TRADES.

The council recently urged the Premier to expeditiously proceed with public works awaiting completion, with a view to relieving the distress arising from the lack of employment in the building trades. A reply was now received to the effect that the Premier was keenly alive to the matter, and intended to cause steps to be taken to meet the case as far as the Government was able.

AN INDIGNANT DENIAL.

Mr. M. J. Reddy (Pressers' Union) obtained permission, as a matter of privilege, to mention a subject of importance. He stated that in the Legislative Assembly the previous night Mr. W. P. Crick declared that the reason that certain blocks of land at Crickville (now known as Lilyville) were not taken up was that he would not agree to a license for a public-house. That, said Mr. Reddy, was not correct. When some two years ago a deputation from the Labour Council waited upon Mr. Crick, who was then Minister for Lands, they asked that settlers should be given certain concessions in the way of reduced tram fares, and the utilisation of the trams for the conveyance of materials during the slack hours of the day at nominal rates, and that the advance to settlers should be increased from £50 to £100. Nothing whatever was said about a public-house, and Mr. Crick's statement was a slander on the working men of the State. He moved,—"That, in the opinion of this council, the remarks of Mr. W. P. Crick re the taking up of land at Crickville are wholly inaccurate and unjustifiable, and a slander upon the workers of the State."

The motion was carried unanimously.

NEW SOUTH WALES ALLIANCE.

There was a large attendance of members at the fortnightly meeting of the council of the New South Wales Alliance, Canon Boyce presiding. A letter was received from Sir Wilfred Lawson, M.P., President of the United Kingdom Alliance, urging the alliance in this State to "fight to the death against compensation, which is really confiscation of public money for private purposes." A petition for circulation in favour of full local and State option without compensation was approved. Mr. Bruntnell reported that the meetings held at Newcastle under the auspices of the local alliance were largely attended. Letters were received from leaders of the temperance movement in New Zealand strongly in favour of elective committees to carry out the will of the people as expressed at the local option polls.

CRICKET.

THE TEST MATCHES.

It was announced in yesterday's issue that the Marylebone Club had appointed as board of control for the test matches the Marquis of Granby, Lord Alverstone, Lord Harris, the Earl of Litchfield, Mr. A. G. Steel, K.C., and Mr. R. E. Foster. The Marquis of Granby is an old member of the Marylebone Club. Lord Alverstone is the Chief Justice of England; he has been for many years identified with cricket at Lord's and the Oval, and in conjunction with Mr. C. W. Alcock has published a comprehensive work on Surrey cricket. Lord Harris brought a team to Australia in 1879, and played against the Australians in the test matches in 1880 (the first in England) and in 1884 at Lord's and the Oval. The Earl of Litchfield is an old member of the M.C.C. Mr. A. G. Steel, K.C., was in his day the best all-round man in England. He played in the 1880 test match, also that in 1882, the three in 1884, the three in 1886, and at Lord's in 1888. Mr. R. E. Foster was a member of the M.C.C. team in Australia last season.

BURWOOD GRAMMAR SCHOOL v A LADIES' TEAM.

At Burwood Park on Wednesday an interesting match was played between an 11 boys selected from the Burwood Grammar School by the principal, Mr. T. C. Williamson, against 11 young ladies, captained by Mrs. Harry Donnan, of Bexley. The ladies scored 77 (Miss Laure Briot, Paddington, 32 not out, and Mrs. Donnan 25). H. Crook secured five wickets, and G. King four. The Grammar School boys obtained 71, and thus the ladies won by 6. A. Tubnig contributed 57. The bowling was entirely in the hands of Miss Alice Bransby, of Randwick, and Mrs. Donnan, the former securing seven wickets, and the latter three. The fielding on the part of the ladies was excellent, Miss Hilda and Miss Vita Warby, Miss Briot and Miss L. Eckford showing to advantage in this respect. On the conclusion of the match Mrs. Williamson entertained the players, and Mr. Williamson in a happy speech congratulated the ladies on their skill and knowledge of the game, and expressed a wish that the return match, which will probably be held in the eastern suburbs, will be as enjoyable and as keenly contested.

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"The "Mail" has a group photograph of the Hunter's Hill Golf Club Representatives, Premiers for 1904.—Advt.

LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, NOV. 24.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice and a jury of four.)

ALLEGED LIBEL AND SLANDER.

THE INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERS.

ACTION BY A FORMER SECRETARY.

£2000 CLAIMED.

Hay v Parkinson.

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, instructed by Messrs. Brown and Beeby, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. J. L. Campbell and Mr. Gannon, instructed by Mr. W. E. Clapin, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Thomas Davidson Hay, formerly secretary of the Australasian Institute of Marine Engineers, against James Parkinson, the present secretary, to recover compensation for alleged libel and slander. The matters complained of by the plaintiff have already appeared. Defendant pleaded not guilty, and denied the allegations contained in the declaration.

The evidence for the defendant was continued, and Tom George Johnson's examination was resumed. In answer to Mr. Ferguson, he said that at the conference in 1897, Mr. Hay was called in and informed that he was not to be reappointed. Witness, as chairman, did not give him any reasons, but the reasons were printed afterwards in Brisbane, when Mr. Hay had gone to England.

His Honor: At the 1897 conference a resolution was carried that in the event of Mr. Hay not being elected secretary for the Sydney district a sum equal to one year's pay for the joint offices be granted to him. Subsequently a resolution, moved by yourself and seconded by Mr. Corby, was carried.—"That this conference, whilst desiring to place upon record its high appreciation of Mr. Hay's past services, his unquestionable zeal and honesty, is, after careful investigation and consideration, now of opinion that the best interests of the institute require a change of general secretary." After that you wrote 3½ pages of a rather virulent attack upon Mr. Hay. There is one of the six reasons which you give that I wish to draw your attention to, namely, "his lack of tact and generalship during the recent strike, whereby the prestige of the institute was lowered, its members discredited, and over £1000 expended."

Witness: I explain it in this way. For many years Mr. Hay's zeal and honesty in the service of the institute, and his honesty to-day, are unquestioned. He was a zealous officer, provided he could carry out his own particular ideas. At the 1897 conference he showed distinct opposition to all that was being done, and that caused the criticisms which your Honor seems to think somewhat severe upon him. They are absolutely correct, as they appear there in the minutes of the conference.

His Honor: There are six distinct charges and you say that they were proved?—Yes.

John M. Corby was recalled and briefly examined, mainly as to plaintiff's attitude in regard to the strike.

This closed the case for the defendant.

In reply, the following evidence was given.

Jessie Cullen, wife of Alexander Cullen, said that she remembered the conference of 1897, and while it was sitting Mr. Parkinson invited her husband to go round to his house after dinner, in order to have a talk. Subsequently she saw her husband go through the gate of Parkinson's cottage, which was only a few doors away, and afterwards she saw Mr. Cullen, Mr. Parkinson, and other gentlemen upon the back verandah of Parkinson's house.

Cross-examined by Mr. Campbell: Since this case had come on her husband had asked her if she remembered the occurrence.

Q.: Did he explain to you that his evidence had been contradicted.—No; I saw it in the papers.

Witness, continuing, said that the cottage in which she resided was a detached one, and there was a terrace of cottages on the same side of the street, the third being the residence of Mr. Parkinson. The interview referred to was about December, while her husband was having his holidays.

Martha Cullen, daughter of the last witness, gave corroborative evidence.

Alexander Cullen, recalled, said that in 1897 he took his holidays between December 6 and 19. A few days after the interview at Parkinson's house he met Parkinson opposite Lassetter's, and inquired whether Hay was in the office. Parkinson replied, "I do not want to have anything to do with a man who comes to my house, drinks my whisky, and afterwards tells lies about me."

By Mr. Campbell: Corby was one of those present at the meeting at Parkinson's house. He remembered during the course of the case Mr. Johnson introducing him to Corby and saying, "Surely you know Mr. Corby?" He might have said that it was eight or nine years since he had seen him, but he did not say to Corby, "The last time I saw you you were chief of a steamer."

By Mr. Ferguson: He said to Corby that there was a great alteration in him, and that he had aged very fast since he had seen him last.

This closed the evidence on both sides. The addresses of counsel had not finished at 4 o'clock, when the further hearing was adjourned to the following day.

NO. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Owen and a jury of four.)

ALLEGED WRONGFUL DISMISSAL.

Meister v Markwald.

Mr. Shand and Mr. O'Reilly, instructed by Mr. Arthur H. Jones, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Gannon and Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Mr. E. R. Abigail, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Heinrich Meister against Henry Markwald to recover compensation for alleged wrongful dismissal from the position of manager and expert at defendant's works at Alexandria.

The defendant pleaded that it was a term of the agreement that plaintiff should devote the whole of his time, attention, ability, and energies to the manufacture of the articles mentioned in the deed and the general management and superintendence of the business. Plaintiff was also to avoid pledging defendant's credit without written authority for an amount exceeding £5, but defendant said that plaintiff broke these covenants, and otherwise misconducted himself by becoming interested in another business of the same kind as that of defendant, and in opposition to his interests, wherefore he dismissed him.

The case still stands part heard.

No. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson.)

SUPERANNUATION CLAIM.

Dettmann v the Crown.

Louis Dettmann proceeded against James L. Williams, as nominal defendant on behalf of the Government. Plaintiff claimed that he was a messenger in the Government Architect's Branch of the Public Service when the Public Service Act of 1895 came into force, and was a contributor to the Civil Service superannuation account. His services were dispensed with under the provisions of the Act for a cause other than an offence after he had served more than 15 years within the meaning of the Superannuation Act of 1899, upon the passing of which he became entitled to receive his superannuation allowance, diminished as directed by the Act; and it therefore became the duty of the Government to have the amount diminishing the allowance calculated and certified by the actuaries, and to pay the allowance so diminished. This, plaintiff said, the Government had neglected to do, and he claimed £300.

The defendant pleaded that the plaintiff's services were not dispensed with under the provisions of the Act of 1895, as alleged, and that at the time when the plaintiff's services were dispensed with he had not served for 15 years within the meaning of the Superannuation Act.

Mr. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. A. J. M'Donald, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. G. B. Stephen, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, for the defendant.

His Honor, by consent, gave a verdict for defendant, but reserved leave for the plaintiff to move the Full Court to enter a verdict for him; proceedings to be stayed in the meantime.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson and a jury.)

ALLEGED BREACH OF AGREEMENT.

Neil Thomson and his wife Margaret Thomson sued Alexander Gordon, to recover £500 for alleged breach of agreement. Defendant pleaded (1) that he did not promise as alleged; (2) that he denied the alleged breaches; and (3) that after the alleged agreement, and before any breach thereof, it was agreed that the alleged agreement should be rescinded, and they then rescinded the agreement accordingly.

Mr. James, instructed by Mr. W. M. Meyer, agent for Mr. C. J. Frazer, of Gundagai, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Mann, instructed by Mr. W. E. Hawkins, agent for Mr. E. E. Weekes, of Gundagai, for the defendant.

In stating the case, Mr. James said that the female plaintiff was the defendant's sister. For some time the plaintiff was in business at Balmain as a packing-case dealer, and earned about £4 a week. The defendant lived at Gundagai, where he was a timber merchant with a fair amount of property. In September, 1902, Mrs. Thomson visited her brother at Gundagai, and it was then that the conversations took place between them on which the agreement was based. Gordon told her that he had made a will leaving her everything, that he was becoming old and blind, and that if she and her husband would go and live with him at Gundagai, and take care of him he would allow them half the profits of his business. Several similar conversations took place, and towards the end of 1902 the defendant came to Sydney, when he repeated the offer to Thomson, who after consultation with his wife, said they would go to Gundagai, and try the proposed arrangement for two years, on condition that they should be allowed to return to Sydney at any time should they desire to terminate the agreement. This was eventually agreed to. Plaintiffs then closed their business, and were preparing to sell their furniture when defendant sent a carrier to convey it to Gundagai. Everything worked well until July, when defendant's manner changed. He removed the plaintiffs' furniture from the house in which the three lived together to another building; then he refused to pay for the food consumed by them; and, finally, he demanded rent from them. In December, 1903, he took proceedings in the police court to eject them, but failed. Subsequently he forcibly turned his sister out of the house, and refused to do anything further for the plaintiffs. The furniture had then to be sold at a loss, and plaintiffs returned to Sydney.

The case stands part heard.

IN EQUITY.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity.)

CIVIL SERVANT'S SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE.

A QUESTION OF BROKEN SERVICE.

Hales v The Crown.

Mr. Canaway, instructed by Mr. W. T. A. Shorter, appeared for the plaintiff, Frederick Barnwall Hales, a retired Civil servant, now residing at Woolawn, Lismore; and Mr. P. W. Street, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, for the nominal defendant, George Miller, Under-Secretary for Justice.

This was a part heard suit in which plaintiff, who is 74 years of age, and an ex-police magistrate, appealed to the Court to have it declared that he was entitled to a considerably larger superannuation allowance than £113 6s 8d per annum, under the Civil Service Act of 1884. He joined the Justice Department in 1861, and was dismissed in 1879, but was reinstated in 1884, and continued in the service until 1901, when he was retired. He contended that he was entitled to a superannuation allowance calculated on the footing that his years of service prior to his dismissal, or some of such years were years of service for the purposes of section 48 of the Act.

The defence was that plaintiff's dismissal in 1879 arose through his own fault, and was due to his repeated neglect of duties; that as he was not an officer of the Civil Service at the commencement of the Civil Service Act of 1884, he was not entitled to have any years of service prior to the commencement thereof taken into consideration for the purpose of ascertaining superannuation allowance. Defendant further submitted that in any event as the plaintiff's service prior to 1879 was terminated by his dismissal for misconduct it would be inequitable that he should be entitled to have any such service taken into consideration in connection with the superannuation allowance.

Counsel having concluded their addresses, his Honor reserved judgment.

IN DIVORCE.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker.)

WITTEN v WITTEN.

In this part heard suit, in which Elizabeth Maud Witten, nee Paterson, of Phillip-street, Sydney, sued for a divorce from Alfred Witten, a carter, on the ground of desertion, further evidence was given, and his Honor granted a decree nisi, to be made absolute in three months.

EDWARDS v EDWARDS.

Albert Henry Edwards, of Woolwich, petitioned for a dissolution of his marriage with Amy Edith Edwards, formerly Joyner, on the ground of desertion. Mr. E. W. Downes appeared for petitioner, who was married to respondent in Melbourne according to Anglican rites, in April, 1901. Respondent left petitioner's home on July 29 of the same year, leaving a letter stating that she was broken-hearted, and that she would not return. After hearing the evidence of petitioner and his mother his Honor said he was bound to reject the petition, as petitioner seemed to have made little or no effort to find his wife.

HAYES v HAYES.

Mary Hayes, formerly Loman, of The Boulevard, Petersham, applied for a dissolution of her marriage with Edward Hayes, a vanman, on the ground of desertion. Petitioner, who was represented by Mr. R. W. Fraser, said she married respondent at the district registrar's office, Burwood, on August 18, 1883. Her husband, who was addicted to gambling, left her in 1900.

Decree nisi granted, returnable in three months.

M'GOWAN v M'GOWAN.

Mary May M'Gowan, formerly Gold, of Underwood-street, Paddington, applied for a divorce from Ernest Lowden Patrick M'Gowan, a fireman, on the ground of desertion. Mr. W. D. Schrader appeared for petitioner. The marriage took place at St. David's rectory, Surry Hills, in August, 1898. Respondent left petitioner in November 1899, and the last time she saw him was in February, 1901.

Decree nisi granted, returnable in three months.

DOUGAN v DOUGAN.

Minnie Dougan, nee Williamson, of Cumberland, sued for a divorce from James Gibson Dougan on the ground of desertion. The parties were married at Glasgow in 1889 according to Church of Scotland rites. Petitioner, who was represented by Messrs. Beehag, Simpson, and Petrie, was granted a decree nisi, to be made absolute in three months.

HEFFERNAN v HEFFERNAN.

Annie Josephine Heffernan, formerly Moylan, of Riley-street, Sydney, petitioned for a divorce from William Heffernan on the ground that her husband had within five years, namely, 4½ years, undergone frequent convictions for crime, and had been sentenced in the aggregate to imprisonment for three years and upwards, namely, 6½ years, and had left her habitually without means of support. Petitioner, for whom Mr. E. W. Downes appeared, said that she married respondent at a registry office, 471 Pitt-street, on June 25, 1900.

His Honor: One of those marriage shops?—Yes.

His Honor: A curious proportion of these marriages come to this Court. Those places should be suppressed by law.

A list of respondent's convictions, the first being in September, 1900, was handed in, the last being for five years in August last in connection with the Ultimo highway robbery. Petitioner, in reply to his Honor, said she had known respondent for 18 months before marriage. She knew nothing of his associates.

His Honor said he was not satisfied that section 23, sub-section D, of the Matrimonial Causes Act, upon which Mr. Downes relied for the granting of the petition, had been complied with. It had to be shown, he thought, that the respondent had within five years undergone frequent convictions for crime, that was five years preceding the petition, which was dated October, 1904, and that he had also habitually left her without means of support. Did that mean for the whole five years? He would like to consider what length of time was necessary to satisfy the section, and would reserve his decision. "It is a great pity people cannot make Acts of Parliament more intelligible than they are," remarked his Honor. "There is nothing more difficult for us than to construe Acts of Parliament."

BENSON v BENSON.

Evelyn Benson, formerly Thomas, of Victoria-street, Paddington, applied for a dissolution of her marriage with Joseph Patrick Benson, the issues relied upon being desertion and cruelty. Mr. Hodgson, instructed by Mr. R. C. Cunningham, appeared for petitioner, who was married to respondent at Redfern in November, 1887, according to Anglican rites. Judgment was reserved.

SOUTHAN v SOUTHAN.

Godmira Aleche Carolina Southan, nee Perifano-Biondi, petitioned for a divorce from Richard Henry Southan, insurance canvasser, of Darlinghurst, on the ground of his adultery with a woman unknown. Mr. Ralston, instructed by Mr. J. J. Mulligan, appeared for petitioner, who is an Italian lady. The marriage took place at Paddington in November, 1900, according to Church of England rites.

Decree nisi granted, returnable in three months.

The further hearing of causes will be taken on Monday.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Heydon.)

PREPARING A POULTRY FARM.

Harvey v Tillyard.

Mr. W. H. Parker and Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for plaintiff; and Mr. Garland, instructed by Messrs. Abbott, Tout, and Dale, for defendant.

James Harvey, of Young-street, Annandale, gardener, proceeded against Robin John Tillyard, of Union-street, North Sydney, to recover £70.

On Wednesday, on the application of Mr. Parker, his Honor granted an amendment of the plea, allowing plaintiff, who was a minor, to sue in the name of his next friend, Jas. Harvey, sen.

Yesterday his Honor said his attention had been directed to a case which showed that the order he had made on Wednesday was bad. He had now to nonsuit plaintiff.

VINE v SIMPSON.

Mr. J. A. I. Perry appeared for the plaintiff, John Vine, of 96 Trafalgar-street, Annandale; and Mr Wilfred Blacket, instructed by Messrs. Read and Read, for Maria Simpson, widow, of Lane Cove-road, North Sydney.

This was an action to recover the sum of £1[illegible] 8s 10d, including costs, for money had and received by defendant on behalf of plaintiff and, as alleged by plaintiff, not returned by her. The defence was never indebted. The defendant, a young widow—Mrs. Moodie by name then—was keeping a boarding-house at the Glebe in 1901. In May of that year plaintiff left for South Africa with one of the contingents. Before going away he asked defendant to draw his pay at the Treasury while he was absent. She refused to do this, but later on, receiving an official authorisation for her to do so, she complied with his wish, and drew up to £40 16s, which she kept in her own house, having no banking account. On his return from the war plaintiff again went to stay at defendant's house, and, as he alleged, drew money from the Treasury at intervals, and handed it over to defendant. They were engaged to be married, he said, and subsequently it was arranged that he should join a second contingent for South Africa with a view of his afterwards taking up a position in that colony which had been offered him, and then he was to send for her, and they were to be married. Plaintiff accordingly went off to South Africa a second time, and soon after his departure a Mr. Simpson, who was also a boarder with defendant, succeeded in winning her consent to marriage with him, although, as plaintiff alleged, she was engaged to him, and was at the time carrying on an affectionate correspondence with him. When he returned to Sydney Mrs. Moodie had married Simpson.

For the defence, Mrs. Simpson denied that she was ever engaged to plaintiff. She did receive the money from the Treasury amounting to £40 16s, and handed it to plaintiff when he came back, but she never got any money from him except what was due to her for board and lodging and washing. She admitted writing the letters produced to plaintiff, but maintained that she was a free woman throughout their acquaintance.

It transpired during the hearing that Mr. Simpson, the defendant's husband, had died since these proceedings were initiated.

His Honor, in giving judgment, said this was a troublesome case to decide. The real thing at the bottom of the disagreement between the parties was not a question of money, but the relations which had existed between them, and the way in which he was treated. He could not help saying that plaintiff had been treated most abominably, and he was naturally exceedingly indignant about it. There were three divisions in the case. First of all, there was the £40 16s, which it was admitted defendant had collected at the Treasury; the £47 3s 8d, which plaintiff said he gave her, in various amounts; and thirdly the specific sum of £14, which plaintiff said he handed defendant, being the proceeds of a sale of a horse and buggy. His Honor believed that defendant did not pay plaintiff back the firstnamed amount, but he was not satisfied that plaintiff had proved his case in regard to the £47 3s 8d. As to the £14, plaintiff said he handed that over to her, and he had not got it back, and on the whole he (his Honor) preferred to accept the plaintiff's story. The verdict would, therefore, be for plaintiff for £54 16s, with costs.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring and a jury of 12.)

Mr. Hugh Pollock prosecuted for the Crown.

POSTPONED.

Violet Bourke, a young woman, pleaded not guilty to a charge of having, at Sydney, on October 29, maliciously wounded Mona Dalvin. On the application of the accused, the case was postponed until the next Court of Quarter Sessions for the attendance of a material witness.

ACQUITTAL.

Neville Forder pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on October 23, at Coogee, maliciously shot at Bernard Higgs with intent to do him grievous bodily harm. There was a second count of assaulting Higgs. Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for the accused.

The case for the Crown was to the effect that on the afternoon in question accused was at Coogee with a companion, when Higgs, who is a fisherman, walked up, and addressing him as "Random Wrinkles," used insulting terms to him. Accused picked up a stone, but Higgs ran away. Accused then drew a revolver and fired, the bullet striking a fence a few feet in front of the fugitive. It was stated by the arresting constable that complaints had been made on previous occasions regarding Higgs' conduct.

The accused, in defence, stated that he had been editor of a Sydney paper, in which he wrote under the headings of "Random Wrinkles" and "Redrof." On the day in question Higgs became very abusive and struck him with a bottle. Forder then drew a revolver, and Higgs seeing it, ran away. Turning to a companion accused said, "Watch me scare the scoundrel," and fired at a fence.

The jury, after a retirement of 40 minutes, returned a verdict of not guilty, and accused was discharged. His Honor remarked that Forder had had a very fortunate escape.

LAW NOTICES.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

SUPREME COURT.

Cause Lists.—Banco Court, St. James'-road.—Hay v Parkinson (part heard).

Notice.—The jurors summoned to attend Banco Court on Thursday, the 24th inst, and who were notified not to attend until to-day and to look in this morning's papers as to attendance, will not be required to attend at all.

No. 1 Jury Court, King-street.—At 10 a.m.: Meister v Markwald (part heard). At 12 noon: Sherlock v Trotter and another.

Notice.—The jurors summoned to attend No. 1 Jury Court on Thursday, the 24th inst, and who were notified not to attend until to-day and to look in this morning's papers as to attendance, are requested to attend at 12 noon.

No. 2 Jury Court, King-street.—To be taken before Mr. Justice Simpson at 10 a.m.—Thomson and wife v Gordon (part heard). To be taken before Mr. Justice Pring at 10 a.m.—Hamilton v Railway Commissioners, Kenna and another v Wright, Harries v Rankin.

Notice.—All the jurors in attendance at No. 2 Jury Court are requested to attend at 10 a.m.

In Chambers.—At 9.30 a.m.: Wakefield v Wood, change of venue; Egan v Pigot, to set aside judgment.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Motions generally; Tyson v Tyson, originating summons; Attorney-General v Ryan, petition for directions; re K. H. Everett, an infant, and Equity Act, summons for extended maintenance; Coleman v Mulholland, originating summons; Minister for Works and Fox, petition for payment out; Wright v Grant and Cocks, motion for injunction; Le Messurier v Longmore, motion to continue injunction; re Indire of Settlement of A. Hill and Trustee Act, motion to appoint new trustee; re Will of M. Quinn, deceased, and Act 52 Geo. III., C. 101, petition to approve of sale; re Trusts of N. Bayliss and others, Trustee Act, 1898, motion for vesting order; Borough of Randwick v Duncan, motion to set suit down for hearing; Queensland Trustee, Ltd. v Nightingale, originating summons; Scottish Provident Institute v Wentworth, originating summons; Willis v Cobar Gt. Western G.M. Co., motion for decree; Keirl v Mulrony, motion to continue injunction; Bull v Bull, originating summons. Before the Master in Equity.—At 10 a.m., Company matters, Lunacy matters; at 12 noon, re M. Symonds, Ltd. and Companies Act, confirmation of accounts and plan; Minister for Works and Carabet, to approve of investment; same, to approve of investment; at 2 p.m., Minister for Works and R. Thorne, to approve of investment; at 2.30 p.m., O'Brien v O'Brien, to settle draft certificate; at 3 p.m., Strahorn v Strahorn, to settle minutes of order; at 3.15 p.m., Scott v Hutchinson, to settle minutes of order. Before the Deputy-Registrar.—At 11 a.m., Permanent Trustee Co. v Dring, to tax costs; same v same, to tax costs; at 12.30 p.m., re Estate of M. Clarke, to settle minutes of order; at 2 p.m., Wade v Brown, to settle minutes of order. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 11 a.m., King Conrad S. and M.M. Co., to pass accounts.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Probate Judge, at 10.30 a.m.—Motions for probate and administration, motions for sale of real estate, motions to pass accounts and for commission, and the following miscellaneous motions, viz.:—William Arthur Montgomery, relief of sureties; Rosetta Hardie, payment out; Eliza Crewys, for writ of attachment; James Cheadle, to file accounts. Before the Deputy-Registrar.—To pass accounts: John C. Ryrie, 10; Cath Daly, 11; A. J. Tanje, 11.15; M. T. Moore, 11.30; W. Bensley, 12.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m.—Creditors' petitions: Reid, Smith, and Co. and others v William Watkins, Thomas Joseph Robinson v J. John Lyster, Augustine Matthew Botts v Frederick Bonnop.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Before the President and Members.—At 10 a.m.—For hearing: In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Journeymen Farriers of New South Wales, industrial union of employees, claimant, and Frederick Stewart, respondent.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Heydon.—At 10 a.m.: Motions generally—Solomon v Bakewell and another, Bushell v Macintosh, Breen v Burke, Booker v Campbell. Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court.—At 10.30 a.m.: Borough of North Sydney v Brown.

QUARTER SESSIONS LIST.

Following is the list of cases at the Quarter Sessions commencing on Monday, at Darlinghurst:—John Armstrong, false pretences (two charges); Garnet M'Kenzie, housebreaking; William Dunbar, housebreaking; John Ward, larceny (two charges); Arthur Randall, burglary; William Dunlan, shopbreaking; Fred. W. Wheatley, forgery and uttering; Henry Foster, false pretences (six charges), forgery and uttering (two charges); Louis Crosner, larceny and stealing in a dwelling; William Dunlan, larceny; Leslie Bowman Miller, stealing from the person; Joseph Morris, attempted housebreaking; Mary Sams, assault, occasioning bodily harm; Florrie Ferrier, stealing from the person; George Andralia Garling, larceny; John Ward, larceny; William Lloyd, shopbreaking, assaulting a constable; Shedrick Amor, horse stealing; Joseph Martin, assault; Frederick W. Turner, horsestealing; Thomas Brown, stealing in a dwelling; James Roach, attempt to steal; Florence Jackson, stealing from the person; Charles Baker, housebreaking; Anthony Rash, embezzlement; Donald M'Kinnon, embezzlement; Samuel Simmons, stealing; Ida Pauline Juliana Paterson, perjury; Denis Spain, forgery; Oswald Bedford and George Williams, burglary; John Sydney Williams, breach of Registration of Firms Act; John Charles Norris and Charles Lewis, inflicting grievous bodily harm; Robert Munro, false pretences (five charges).

CHATSWOOD, Havilah Estate, close to station.—Tors., easy trms. Auc. To-morrow. Raine-Horne.—Advt.

GRAY'S ESTATE.—Torrens title, close to tram and Coogee Bay. To-morrow. R. and H.—Advt.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The Wanaaring Christmas race meeting has been granted registration by the A.J.C.

Weights for the Wollongong Proprietary Club's meeting on Tuesday next were issued yesterday. Trainers and jockeys' tickets are now available, and may be had on application to the secretary, Mr. F. Molloy.

At the Singapore autumn meeting last month The Idler, who was a well-known performer in Victoria, won the Club Cup, 1½m., with 10st 2lb, and the Singapore Stakes, 1¼m., with 10st 4lb, while with the latter weight he also acted as runner-up to Pawnbroker in the Governor's Cup, 1¼ mile.

The Wallsend Jockey Club will hold its annual Christmas meeting on December 26 and 27, for which a liberal programme, including two hurdle races of £40 each, has been drawn up.

The 14 minor events to be decided at the Queensland Turf Club's summer meeting closed with 247 nominations, which was seven in excess of last year's total.

The Kensington Racing Club's programme for next Wednesday's meeting calls for attention from owners and trainers of small horses to-day, as entries close with the secretary (Mr. A. Henningham) at 5 p.m.

The weekly pony and galloway meeting of the Epping Racing Club will be held to-day. The special service of Balmain and Forest Lodge trams will run from 12.45 p.m. and at intervals of three minutes throughout the afternoon.

The middle grass track at Randwick was dry and dusty yesterday. The work done on it and the tan track was uninteresting in character. Among the equine visitors was Grafnell, who was recently invested with a throat tube, which does not appear to inconvenience the big grey in any way. Grafnell cantered a couple of miles steadily, but his stable companions, Bulli and Graceton, rattled over seven furlongs in fast time. Relish and The Harvest spurted three furlongs smartly and Philibeg made good progress against the watch for a mile. Lord Clieve and Sarto left six furlongs behind in excellent time, and over a similar course Niebel beat a companion easily. Haloya was bowling along at half pace for six furlongs, and Fanshawe had a slight call over Argentum and Saraswati at the finish of a mile. Parting Glass ran five furlongs fairly well, and six furlongs in moderate time went down to Ossian and Irish Corner. None of Payten's two-year-olds was out, as all are in physic. Lelamina and Flashlock did five furlongs at top speed, and Mack ran six with something in hand, a distance over which Rosemead was extended but he made poor progress against the watch. Useful gallops over seven furlongs were recorded by Red Flag, Loch Lochie, and Kilfera, while Luke ran five well, and Overdale did a good mile and a quarter working gallop. Dalkeith and Panama galloped seven furlongs together at their best pace, and a stout working gallop over a mile was accomplished by Chiefswood and Belfry. Green Mountain, Elvo, Son and Heir, and Capertee were all extended over a short course, and Stirrup Cup knocked off four furlongs fairly well. Steel Trust also went freely over half a mile, and Braemar had more to say than Orchid at the finish of a mile. No Shenanagan went a mile at three-quarter pace, a distance over which Parrot was ridden out in slow time. Gerardy easily held Zhupan and Narrangerie at the finish of six furlongs, and Negrito went well over a mile. Scope was a trifle better than Grema in a half-mile run and Wallabadah did not shine to advantage in a six-furlong gallop. Fireclay and Inselence beat Bono by many lengths over a mile, and the balance of Keys' team was out for useful work.

After a good rest in the Riverina district Abington has rejoined S. Fielder's team at Randwick, and will resume his studies on the training tracks next month.

P. Nolan is generally the first to start the work at Randwick in the morning, therefore is a very early riser. Some person or persons familiar with Nolan's habits paid a visit to his stables a few days ago after the horses and attendants had started for the training grounds, and gathered up goods to the value of £25. Two arrests have been made in connection with the robbery.

Mr. C. Lenny, owner of Avalon, has purchased Fabric. He intends sending the colt to Western Australia.

The A.J.C. committee recently decided to carry out extensive alterations to the official stand at Randwick, and tenders are now being invited for the work. At present there is seating accommodation for only 450, but the plans provide for increasing this to 1100. A large dining-room is also to be constructed at the back, as well as additional rooms for the official staff.

Yesterday's scratchings for Saturday's meeting at Warwick Farm were as follows:—Flying Mile: Airlock. Farm Stakes: Capertee. Warwick Handicap: Overdale. Pace Welter: Son and Heir.

Entries for the N.S.W. Pony and Galloway Association's meeting, to be held on Monday next, close at the Rosebery Park Racing Club's office this afternoon. The picnic meeting, which was to have taken place at Brighton on Tuesday, has been postponed for a week, in order to avoid clashing with the association's fixture.

The Eden Turf Club's annual race meeting has been fixed for December 17.

Ten horses at Bega arrived during the week from the southern line for the forthcoming annual race meetings. Over 40 horses are training on the local tracks.

At a meeting of the Braidwood District Turf Club, held yesterday, it was decided to hold the annual race meeting on March 1 and 2.

NARRABRI JOCKEY CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

The Narrabri Jockey Club's Summer Meeting was continued yesterday, and there was a fair attendance. The following are the results:—

Tattersall's Handicap of 10 sovs, 7f.—J. Marchant's blk m Pentelope, by Albatross—Roxanna, aged, 7st 13lb, including 6lb over (Smith), 1; F. Inches' ch g Grandby, aged, 9st 5lb (Nowland), 2; P. Doherty's ch g Kingle, aged, 7st 10lb (Grace), 3. Only three starters. Betting: 6 to 4 on Grandby, even money on Pentelope, 3 to 1 v Kingle. Won very easily. Time, 1m 32½s.

Hack Race of 6 sovs, 6f.—V. M'Farlane's ch m Miss Mac by Ulric—Viva, 4yrs, 9st 1lb (P. Clarke), 1; P. O'Brien's b g Kanimbla, 6yrs, 8st 8lb (Doyle), 2; J. Marchant's br g Stockwood, aged, 7st 10lb (Smith), 3. Other starters: Ocean, 9st; Tatta, 6st 10lb. Betting: 2 to 1 each v Miss Mac and Kanimbla, 3 to 1 v Ocean, 4 to 1 v Stockwood, 5 to 1 v Tatta. Won by a length. Time, 1m 17½s.

Jockey Club Handicap of 20 sovs; second horse 2 sovs; 1m.—E. Jurd's b m Matrimony, by Hindoo—Betrothed, aged, 8st 5lb, including 10lb penalty, 1; W. Keene's b g Priam, 4yrs, 7st 13lb (Keene), 2; A. Nowland's ch g Maharatta, aged, 9st 2lb (Nowland), 3. Only three started. Betting: Even money on Matrimony, 6 to 4 v Maharatta, 2 to 1 v Priam. Won by a neck; a head between second and third. Time, 1m 52½s.

Welter Handicap of 10 sovs, minimum weight 8st 7lb; 6f.—Dr. Segol's b c Kestrel, by Positano—Roxanna, 3yrs, 8st 7lb (Smith), 1; W. O'Toole's b m Edelweiss, 5yrs, 9st 5lb (Stafford), 2; D. Jurd's b m Silence, 4yrs, 9st 7lb (Clarke), 3. Other starters: Kingle, 9st 12lb; Hector, 9st; Wire Grass, 8st 12lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Silence, 3 to 1 v Hector, 4 to 1 v Kestrel and Edelweiss, 5 to 1 v Kingle. Won very easily. Time, 1m 18½s.

Forced Handicap of 10 sovs, 7f.—C. P. O'Rourke's ch m Mollinda, by Lochiel, 5yrs, 6st 7lb (Grace), 1; W. Keene's b g Priam, 4yrs, 8st 3lb (Doyle), 2; A. Nowland's ch g Maharatta, aged, 9st 2lb (Nowland), 3. Other starters: Kelton, 9st 7lb; Grandby, 9st 8lb; Ocean, 7st; Atheist, 6st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v Atheist, 3 to 1 v Kelton, 4 to 1 v Grandby, 5 to 1 v Ocean and Maharatta, 6 to 1 v Mollinda. Won by a length. Time, 1m 33s.

YOUNG TURF CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

YOUNG, Thursday.

The second day's racing of the Young Turf Club's Spring Meeting was held to-day. The attendance was an improvement upon that of yesterday, but was still small. Following are the results:—

Opening Handicap of 15 sovs, 6f.—Bar One, by Senechal—La Belle, 1; Peeping Tom, 2; Coberetta, 3. Time, 1m 19s. Won by a length.

Spring Handicap of 25 sovs, 7f.—Queenlike, by Bloodshot, 8st, 1; Lady Forest, 7st, 2; Tartar, 8st 3.

Welter Handicap of 12 sovs, 7f.—Donnybrook, by North Star, 1; Superbus, 2; Sir Walter, 3. Won in a canter.

Hiland Handicap of 12 sovs, 6f.—Tartar, by Sunrise—Hussey, 1; Coberetta, 2; Queenlike, 3.

Farewell Handicap.—Bay Bee, by Cyprus—Beeswing, 7st, 1.

TENTERFIELD PICNIC RACES.

TENTERFIELD, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Tenterfield Amateur Picnic Race Club was held yesterday. There was a fairly good attendance. There were small fields, but the racing was good. Results:—

Cottesbrooke Stakes.—J. F. White's Lapwing.
Cooredulla Stakes.—Mr. M. Reid's Folly.
Undercliffe Stakes.—Mr. M. Reid's Friendless.
Ladies' Bangle.—Mrs. D. Cullen's Silverlands.
Boorook Plate.—Mr. M. Reid's Friendless.
Bolivia Stakes.—Mr. A. L. Jeffrey's Statesman.
Aldershot Cup.—Mr. B. Tomkin's Lapwing.
Consolation Stakes.—Mr. M. Reid's Santa Claus.

EPPING RACES.

The following weights have been issued for to-day's pony and galloway races at Epping:—

Fourteen-three Handicap, 5f.—Descender, 9st 5lb; Sunrise, 9st; Ennismore, 8st 7lb; Vulpine, 8st 4lb; Lady Primrose, 7st 12lb; Indiana, 7st 10lb; Willmanton, 7st 5lb; Amazon, 7st 2lb; Palestine, 7st; Beatrice, 7st; Robin, 7st.

Fourteen Handicap, 4f.—Mab, 9st 10lb; Quiver, 8st 6lb; Piccaninny, 8st 4lb; Scotch Mixture, 8st 2lb; Maltese, 7st 3lb; Skylark, 7st.

Novice Handicap (15.0), 4f.—Grafter, 9st 5lb; Corrie, 8st 2lb; Pretty Molly, 7st 12lb; Steve Hart, 7st 12lb; Bon, 7st 7lb; La Rose, 7st 7lb; Spot, 7st 6lb; Metis, 7st 6lb; La Belle, 7st 6lb; Hilarious, 7st 6lb; Tassel, 7st 2lb; Beatrice, 7st 2lb; Bridesmaid, 7st; Alcalist, 7st; Bobbie, 7st.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 4f.—Dougall, 9st 5lb; Merok, 8st 10lb; The Novice, 8st 11lb; Perfume, 8st 5lb; Lawn, 8st 5lb.

Thirteen-three Handicap, 4f.—Scotch Mixture, 9st 5lb; Thea, 9st 2lb; Bluewing, 8st 7lb; Tory II., 8st 2lb; Kembla, 8st 1lb; Sceptre, 7st 13lb; Indiana, 7st 10lb; Misfire, 7st 7lb; Comeo, 7st 5lb; Maid of Mint, 7st 6lb.

Epping Handicap, 6f.—Frivolous, 9st 5lb; Sunrise, 9st 5lb; Scotch Pebble, 8st 1lb; Ennismore, 8st 12lb; Lady Primrose, 8st 4lb; Royalist, 8st; Robin, 8st; Carson, 8st; Bobbie, 8st; Cralia, 8st.

WOLLONGONG PROPRIETARY RACE CLUB.

The following weights have been issued for the Wollongong Proprietary Race Club's meeting on Tuesday next:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—Saraswati, 10st 9lb; Lord Clieve, 9st 7lb; Victory, 9st 7lb; Perfect, 8st 9lb; Laurel, 8st 5lb; Graftwell, 8st 3lb; Tycha Tycha, 8st.

Trial Stakes, 6f.—British King, 9st 5lb; Sperm Light, 8st 4lb; Cicada, 8st 4lb; Seamster, 7st 10lb; Kynon, 7st 10lb; Kist, 7st 10lb; Tyson, 7st 10lb; Mount Russell, 7st 10lb.

Illawarra Handicap, 1m.—Insolence, 9st 10lb; La Hogue, 8st 6lb; Laurel, 8st 4lb; Loredano, 8st 2lb; Midshipman, 8st 3lb; Graftwell, 8st 2lb; Red Flea, 8st 2lb; Czar, 7st 12lb; British King, 7st 10lb; May Lord, 7st 2lb.

Welter Handicap, 6f.—Lord Clieve, 10st 3lb; Perfect, 9st 5lb; Tycha Tycha, 8st 9lb; British King, 8st 7lb; Sperm Light, 7st 7lb; Cicada, 7st 7lb.

WALLSEND JOCKEY CLUB RACES.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The following weights have been announced for the Wallsend Jockey Club's meeting, which takes place on Saturday next:—

Shorts Handicap, 6f.—Abe, 9st 5lb; Sarsfield, 9st 5lb; Nickel, 8st 8lb; Gold Lace, 8st 8lb; Boy Joe, 8st; Chester Belle, 7st 12lb; Panara, 7st 12lb; Lady Gnaroo, 7st 7lb; Chaperon, 7st 2lb; Australian Queen, 7st; Miss Laura, 7st; Flaneur, 7st.

Flying Welter, 6f.—Byton, 9st 5lb; The Bairn, 9st; Metal Lace, 9st; Peter, 8st 6lb; Lady Simmer, 8st 2lb; Osprey, 7st 10lb; Tattoo, 7st 10lb; Encore, 7st 10lb; Oriental, 7st 7lb; Medal, 7st 7lb.

Town Plate, 1m 1f.—Tarik, 9st 5lb; Waterworks, 8st 11lb; Steelbusk, 8st 8lb; Strabo, 8st 8lb; Old Lace, 8st 6lb; Miss Minerva, 8st 4lb; Cangon, 7st 12lb; Chaperon, 7st 7lb; Rednefed, 6st 12lb; Kingsdale, 6st 7lb.

Borough Handicap, 6f.—Boy Joe, 9st 5lb; Cronje, 8st 6lb; Clan Stuart, 8st 6lb; Midlothian, 8st 4lb; Honeysuckle, 8st 4lb; Miss Laura, 8st 4lb; Solo, 7st 10lb; Athos, 7st 10lb; Eanooma, 7st 10lb; Sir Ronald, 7st 10lb; Tamarang, 7st 4lb; Lady Olive, 7st 4lb; Lady Spinel, 7st 4lb; Miss West, 7st 3lb; Suppertime, 7st 3lb; Simmer King, 7st 3lb; Billson, 7st 3lb; Pwllgyn, 7st 3lb; Springfield, 7st 3lb; R. A. P., 7st 3lb; Sinless, 7st 3lb.

Final Handicap, 1m.—Gold Lace, 9st 5lb; The Bairn, 9st 2lb; Miss Minerva, 9st 2lb; Cangon, 8st 12lb; Chester Belle, 8st 9lb; Peter, 8st 6lb; Lady Gnaroo, 8st 6lb; Rednefed, 7st 10lb; Nabob, 7st 7lb.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

AUSTRAL WHEEL RACE.

THE HEATS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Entrants for the Melbourne Bicycle Club's Austral Wheel Race have been grouped into heats as follows:—

Ellegaard (Denmark), Scheps, Burton, Walne, Gudgeon, Murphy, Sheehan, E. Payne, Goodson.

Rutt (Germany), Walker, Farley, G. R. Morgan, Forbes, Rolfe, Brook, Banvard, Houston.

Lawson (America), Pye, Filsell, S. E. Gordon, Geo. Cameron, Sandberg, Clark, Whilson.

Thomas, Tame, Auger, Flack, Davidson, Hassett, M'Guinness, Gerster, Castle, Marshall.

Glencross, Pfundt, Broadhurst, Walsh, Macgibbon, Goddard, Pearson, Matthews, Opie, Taylor.

Hall, Best, Hawker, Greig, H. Gordon, Meyer, Guerin, O'Connor, T. Grant, Byrne.

Coffey, N. M'Donald, Cooper, M'Laren, Giffen, J. L. Grant, Burdett, Lindgren, Millar, M. Middleton.

Futiere, L. M. Jackson, R. W. Morgan, Byfield, Ringwood, Symonds, Lessberg, G. Walker, Buchanan, Milne.

M. J. M'Lean, Menere, Denning, Lear, Brooker, Hendy, Scharp, Perryman, Parker, Vlasopulos.

Wright, Harris, Souter, Burckhardt, Palmer, L. Smith, Livingstone, Hawley, Crocket, M'Queen.

Chappell, A. A. Middleton, Rivers, H. J. Symonds, Bott, Berkefeld, Lucas, Davidson, Coates, Doherty.

G. M'Lean, Bestel, Brown, Butler, Greenway, Kelsey, Woolford, Garner, Taylor.

Ashton, Craig, O'Brien, Thorn, Kemp, Lansdown, Vincent, Houlihan, Fiddyment, Beeson.

THE AMATEUR QUESTION.

To-night the League of New South Wales Wheelmen meet at the club rooms to consider an application by the Cyclists' Union to be recognised as the governing body of amateurism in this State. As is well known, the amateur body is one of the oldest in Australia, and for a long time held full control over all its members. Some time ago, however, with the formation of the League of Wheelmen, a series of class A races, set apart for amateur riders, was introduced into the programmes of the council, and, as was natural, there was a lot of seceding from the ranks. Quite lately the league decided to absorb these class A riders into the professional class, and for some months past the new rule has been in existence. Seeing that the league has decided to cater for professional riders only, the Cyclists' Union's application is the reason of to-night's meeting.

The question of securing supreme control over all amateurs is to the union a matter of great importance, and has been hastened recently by an invitation sent by the Melbourne amateur wheelers to the local body, asking that a representative should be sent to compete at the Austral meeting. As Victoria is not at present a party to the reciprocity agreement binding between the New South Wales, Queensland, and New Zealand amateur bodies, the request could not be granted, but if things turn out favourably interstate amateur riding is likely soon to be resumed. Now that the New South Wales League has abandoned a branch of sport which it never seriously encouraged, it should offer no opposition to the union which for 21 years has never departed from pure amateurism. Every right-minded person will agree that the non-professional body is entitled to take full control over what was originally their own preserves. If the council show their wisdom to-night by acceding to the request of the union, a lot of good is likely to result, since in all probability the Victorian class A riders will then return to the fold by again joining the paternal body. Formerly the Victorian amateurs were quite as fast as others, and held many of the Australasian championships. Since they joined the professional ranks, however, their calibre seems to have greatly deteriorated. The result of to-night's debate is awaited anxiously by all cyclists who are interested in the amateur question. It is to be hoped that the matter may be settled in a manner satisfactory to all concerned.

TRAINING NOTES.

Training at the Cricket Ground is now in full swing, and most of the riders show greatly improved form. Amongst those riding in splendid fettle yesterday afternoon were O'Brien and Megson, who did about 10 laps behind the first rider's motor. The riders took lap about until in the 10th lap, when both men sprinted for the tape, O'Brien getting the best of the tussle. Megson seems to have gone back a little since his late brilliant match against Don Walker. O'Brien is just now riding in excellent form, though a little weighty.

Of the amateur scorchers a lot of the riders were training very hard last evening in view of the championship meeting to-morrow afternoon. Amongst the more prominent of the riders Lawson seems to be in tip-top form. Reg. Taylor is another cyclist displaying at present both stamina and speed, and many people consider that he stands an excellent chance in the championship. It is generally conceded, however, that, though the Balmain rider is showing good form, Hopkins is likely to turn out the winner, with Tremlett and Lawrence showing up well in the sprint home. Of the other riders, Faillex, a reinstated amateur, did a few fast laps behind O'Brien's motor, and from the manner in which he is moving on the track he should soon score a few victories.

BOWLS.

ST. LEONARDS v PETERSHAM.

Three rinks from Petersham engaged the St. Leonards Club on the North Sydney green on Wednesday, and after a pleasant game were defeated by 28 points. Scores:—

	St. L.	P.
Mayo, Carter, Walker, Binny	40	—
Taylor, Hutton, Schofield, Morgan	—	18
Skinner, Clews, Smith, Pearson	22	—
Halstead, Roberts, Wheeler, Carrie	—	28
Larkin, Hardie, Thomson, Groth	18	—
Andrews, Cooper, Rogers, Law	—	25
Totals	80	[illegible]

INTERSTATE TEAM.

The interstate team to represent New South Wales against Victoria left Sydney by express train last evening for the southern capital. They will play their first test match on Tuesday next. The members of the team are in fine form, and hope to give a good account of themselves. Mr. Morgan, secretary to the New South Wales Bowling Association, has been appointed manager.

SAILING.

SYDNEY DINGY CLUB.

For this club's 14ft championship to-morrow the following boats have been entered:—Wandeen, Clio, Rene, Cutty Sark, Jessie, Pastime, and Irex. Rene will be sailed by Geo. Ellis, Jessie by W. Read, while Chris. Webb will work forward in the Irex.

Entries and handicaps for the same club's 10ft and 18ft races are as follows:—10-footers: Pheasant (W. Parcell), scratch work, scratch lead; Planet (L. Clarke) and Crescent (E. Bostic), 2½m, 1m; Arthur (L. Finch) and Una (W. Edney), 3m, 1½m; Othello (D. Murray), 4m, 3m; Venora (T. Keddie), 5m, 4m; Ensign (F. Petherbridge), 5½m, 4m; Shamrock (M. Cooper), 6m, 4½m.

Eight-footers: Zephyr (P. Milson), scratch, scratch; Inez (T. Timbrell), 3m, 3m; Valkyrie (W. West) and Britannia (P. Coleman), 4m, 4m; Pacific (T. Kell), 5m, 4m; Reliance (S. Lloyd), 11m, 8m.

SWIMMING.

SARGOOD, BUTLER, NICHOL, AND EWEN.

A 66yds handicap was held in the Lavender Bay Baths under the auspices of the Sargood, Butler, Nichol, and Ewen Club on Wednesday night. Results:—First heat: T. Tartakover, scr, 1; T. Beaver, 14s, 2; C. Hunt, 4s, 3. Time, 42s. Second heat: T. Medcalfe, 7s, 1; H. Baker, 9s, 2; D. Bryant, 12s, 3. Time, 51 1-5s. Third heat: R. M'Kenzie, 8s, 1; H. M'Millan, 4s, 2; P. Quealey, 14s, 3. Time, 50s. Final: T. Tartakover, scr, 1; T. Medcalfe, 7s, 2; R. M'Kenzie, 8s, 3. Time, 40s.

RANDWICK AND COOGEE CLUB.

The above club held a 54 yards handicap on Wednesday night at the Coogee Aquarium baths. Results:—First heat: B. Cochrane, 9s, 1; A. Farmilo, 7s, 2; A. Oxenham, 3s, 3. Won by touch. Time, 29s. Second heat: F. Buncombe, 8s, 1; F. Bevan, 10s, 2; G. Gough, 8s, 3. Won by touch. Time, 27s. Third heat: E. Collins, 10s, 1; W. Jessop, 10s, 2; J. Duffy, 5s, 3. Time, 29s. Fourth heat: N. Graham, 7s, 1; B. Jones, 11s, 2; W. Batten, 7s, 3. Time, 37 3-5s. Fifth heat: A. Brown, 13s, 1; F. Randle, 12s, 2; M. Powell, 10s, 3. Time, 42s. Final: W. Buncombe, 8s, 1; A. Brown, 13s, 2; E. Collins, 10s, 3. Time, 36 3-5s.

HAVILAH ESTATE.—Cheapest Land in Chatswood To-morrow. Raine and Horne.—Advt.

GRAY'S ESTATE.—Torrens title, close to tram and Coogee Bay. To-morrow. R. and H.—Advt.

The following illustrations in the "Mail" will be found of interest:—Naval Wedding at Cairns, Cluster of Grapes, Map of the Wheat Area Limit, Miss Maud Fitz-Stubbs, Francis Kirkpatrick, Immense Wool Showroom, and the old Albert Cricket Eleven.—Advt.

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THE PILLAR OF LIGHT.

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CHAPTER X.—Continued.

Pyne glanced up at the lantern. Outside he could see Brand hauling down the signal. He sprang to the tray and secured his half biscuit and teacup.

"Come along, Elsie," he said, crooking his left arm for her. "Follow close, Mamie. Mind you don't fall."

"Your mamma is asleep," he assured them in a whisper on the next landing. "She just can't be woke up for quite a long time."

Then he nav'gated them to the door of the second bedroom, where Mrs. Taylor was. He broke the hard biscuit in two pieces and gave one to each child.

"Here, Mamie, you carry the cup, and go shares in the tea."

"I don't like tea," protested Mamie. "If I can't have coffee, I want some milk."

"Well now, you wait a little bit, and you'll be tickled to death to see what I'll bring you. But drink the tea. It's good an' hot. Skip inside, both of you."

He held the door partly open, and they vanished. He heard Mrs. Taylor say—

"Didn't I tell you those two little dears would do their own business best?"

He regained the service-room to find Brand steeping the remains of his biscuit in an almost empty cup. The lighthouse-keeper greeted his young friend with a smile.

"I suppose that you, like the rest of us, never had such an appetite in all your days?" he said.

"Oh, I'm pretty well fixed," said Pyne, with responsive grin.

"Then you are fortunate. There is usually a wretched little fiend lurking in a man's inner consciousness which prompts him to desire the unattainable. Now, I am a poor eater as a rule, yet this morning I feel I could tackle the toughest steak ever cut off a superannuated cow."

"I don't deny," admitted Pyne, "that the idea of a steak sounds good. That is, you know," he went on languidly, "it might sort of appeal to me about 1 o'clock."

"I should have thought you could do with one now, especially after the hard night we have gone through. Perhaps you are a believer in the French system, and prefer a light breakfast."

Brand finished the last morsel of biscuit and drank the cup dry.

"It's a first-rate proposition—when you are accustomed to it," said Pyne. "But talking about eating, when there's little to eat, is a poor business, any way. Don't you find that?"

"I do, indeed."

Brand rose and tapped the barometer, adjusting the sliding scale to read the tenths.

"Slightly better," he announced. "If only the wind would go down, or even change to the norrard!"

"What good would a change of wind do?" inquired Pyne, greatly relieved himself by the change of topic.

"It would beat down the sea to some extent, and then they might be able to drift a buoy, with a rope attached, close enough to the rock at low tide to enable us to reach it with a cast of a grappling iron."

"Do you mean that we could be ferried to the steamer by that means?"

"That is absolutely out of the question until the weather moderates to a far greater extent than I dare hope at present. But, once we had the line, we could rig up a running tackle and obtain some stores."

"Is it as bad as all that?" said the younger man, after a pause.

They looked at each other. The knowledge that all true men have of their kind leaped from eye to eye.

"Quite that bad," answered Brand.

Pyne moistened his lips. He produced a case containing two cigars. He held it out.

"Let us go shares in consolation," he said.

Brand accepted the gift, and affected a livelier mood.

"By lucky chance I have an ample supply of tobacco. It will keep the men quiet," he said. "By the way," and he lifted a quick glance at Pyne, "Do you know anything about chemistry?"

"Well—er—I went through a course at Yale."

"Can colza oil be converted into a food?"

"It contains certain fats," admitted Pyne, taking dubious stock of the question.

"But the process of conversion, the chemical reaction, that is the difficulty."

"Bi-sulphide of carbon is a solvent, and the fatty acids of most vegetable oils can be isolated by treatment with steam superheated to about 600 degrees Fahrenheit."

Brand threw out his hands with a little gesture of helplessness; just then Constance appeared.

"Dad," she cried, "did not Mr. Pyne tell you of my threat?"

"No, dear one. I am not living in terror of you, to my knowledge."

"You must please go to sleep, both of you; at least, until ten or eleven o'clock. Mr. Emmett is sending a man to keep watch here. He will not disturb you. He is bringing some rugs and pillows, which you can arrange on the floor. I have collected them for your special benefit."

"At this hour! Impossible, Connie."

"But it is not impossible, and this is the best hour available. You know quite well that the Falcon will return at high water. And you must rest, you know."

She bustled about, with the busy air of a housewife who understands the whole art of looking after her family. But something puzzled her.

"Mr. Pyne," she inquired, "where is your cup?"

"I——er——took it down," he explained.

For some reason, Constance felt instantly that she had turned the tables on him since their last rencontre. She did not know why. He looked confused, for one thing; he was not so glib in speech, for another.

"Down where?" she demanded. "Not to the kitchen. I have been there since you brought up your breakfast and dad's on the same tray."

"I breakfasted alone," remarked Brand calmly. "Mr. Pyne had feasted earlier."

"But he had not," persisted Constance. "I wanted him to——"

She stopped. This impudent American had actually dared to wink at her, a confidential appealing wink, which said plainly: "Please don't trouble about me."

"You gave your tea and biscuit to somebody," she cried suddenly. "Now, who was it? Confess!"

"Well," he said, weakly, "I did not feel—er—particularly hungry, so, when I met those two little girls foolin' round for an extra supply, I—er—thought nobody would mind it—er——"

"Father!" said Constance, "he has not had a mouthful."

"Then take him downstairs and give him one. You must have found my conversation interesting, Mr. Pyne, whilst I was eating. But, before you go, let me add a word in season. There must be no further discrimination between persons. Stand or fall, each must abide by the common rule."

Pyne, with the guilty feeling of a detected villain, explained to Constance how the cup might be rescued.

"I shall keep a close eye on you in future," she announced as they went below.

"Do," he said. "That is all I ask for."

"I am a very strict person," she went on. "Dad always encouraged us in the sailor's idea of implicit obedience."

"Kick me. It will make me feel good," he answered.

Entering the second bedroom, where Elsie and Mamie were seated contentedly on the floor, she stooped and kissed them. And not a word did she say to Enid as to the reason why Mr. Pyne should be served with a second breakfast. She knew that any parade of his unselfishness would hurt him, and he, on his part, gave her unspoken thanks for her thought.

Conversation without words is an art understood only by master minds and lovers, so these two were either exceptionally clever persons or developing traits of a more common genus—perhaps both.

(To be continued.)

MILITARY.

The University Scouts will hold their annual camp of inspection in the National Park from December 16 to 22.

The annual training of No. 2 Company, R.A.A., which commenced on November 7, will terminate on Saturday, December 10, on which date Lieutenant-Colonel Stanley will inspect the company at Newcastle on behalf of the Acting Commandant.

The provisional appointments as militia acting adjutants of the following have been confirmed:—Captain R. C. Mackenie, 1st Light Horse; Captain J. M. Arnott, 2nd Light Horse; Captain W. F. Everett, 6th Light Horse; Captain Isaiah Chaseling, Garrison Artillery; Captain E. C. Cooke, Australian Rifles; Captain G. K. Kirkland, St. George's Rifles; and Captain H. D. L. Woods, Irish Rifles.

Lieutenant J. T. Sheehan, of the 6th Light Horse, has resigned his commission.

Next Thursday, December 1, being the anniversary of the birthday of Queen Alexandra, a Royal salute of 21 guns will be fired at noon from the saluting battery at Dawes Point.

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RANDWICK, Gray's Estate.—Frontages to Coogee Bay-rd and Judge-st. To-morrow. R. and H.—Advt.

GRAY'S ESTATE.—Torrens title, close to tram and Coogee Bay. To-morrow. R. and H.—Advt.

The "Mail" has photographs with biographies of the late Frederick Bridges and the late James Garland.—Advt.

STATE CLOTHING FACTORY.

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD INQUIRY.

The investigations of the Public Service Board into the operations of the State Clothing Factory were resumed yesterday at the board's offices in Young-street.

Samuel Weingott, clothing manufacturer, was submitted to considerable cross-examination as to the working of his establishment. He said the strike of 1901 was followed by a state of affairs which gradually resulted in the inferior hands being weeded out. On the whole, if he could get girls who were up to the standard of the £1 a week wage he preferred to have them than the inferior class of hands; it paid better. There were a number of hands kept in the place who were slow workers, but it was necessary to have them, as they could turn out extra good work, say, for samples. He thought he made more profit out of a girl he could pay £1 a week to than he could if he paid her at piecework rates. His business had been affected by the tailoresses' award, but he could not say to what extent without the books. It had not made any difference in regard to the dealings of the warehouses with him.

In reply to a question as to cutters' wages, witness said they were paid according to their abilities. Some were paid as low as £1 10s a week. It paid him better to employ competent men than apprentices.

Laurence T. Coutts, a cutter in the employ of S. Weingott and Sons, was the next witness called. He had been in the State factory employ about 12 months ago. His pay was higher at Weingott's than in the State factory. The work turned out, he thought, was about equal in the two places. In every way it was preferable to be in the employ of a private firm. In the first contract taken by the State factory for the foot police uniforms there were many misfits; but that was no unusual thing in first contracts. A number of the coats had to be altered, by having slits put in the backs. He thought there was the same care exercised in the State factory as in the private establishment. With regard to the cost in each place, he said that at the State factory a girl would make a coat right through. In the private firms a girl would be employed making parts for coats, which he thought would be cheaper.

Martha Franklin, another employee in Weingott's establishment, gave evidence. She said she had had four years' experience as a tailoress. Her pay was until recently 12s 6d a week. She knew that under the Arbitration Court award she should get £1 a week, but she herself was to blame for not getting it. Until last week Mr. Weingott did not know that she had been in the business for four years. Her pay was lately increased.

The inquiry was further adjourned till 10.15 a.m. to-day.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE HEAD OFFICE.

In the year 1853 the Bank of New South Wales came into possession of its present headquarters, at the corner of George and Wynyard streets. From time to time the premises have been enlarged to meet the growing requirements of the bank. Some months ago it became a question with the directors as to whether they should remodel the existing building or pull it down and build more extensive premises on the most modern lines. Experts were consulted, and it was found that without altering the present design of the front of the bank the interior could be so remodelled as to bring the banking chamber and the whole of the auxiliary accommodation into line with the largest and most up-to-date banking institutions of the city. This has been accomplished at the cost of some thousands of pounds, and yesterday a party of gentlemen, under the guidance of Mr. Miller, who has charge of this branch of the business of the bank, made a tour of inspection. There were general expressions of astonishment and delight at the extra accommodation provided for the public and the corresponding comfort secured for the staff. As the business of the bank was proceeded with as usual while the whole of the interior was being remodelled, it can be readily understood that the work was carried out under difficulties, but with unqualified success. The basement story has been extended the full dimensions of the site, and the necessary excavation was made in solid rock. Walls had to be removed or underpinned. New walls and piers had to be built, while the whole building had to be supported to enable the staff of the bank to carry on their work overhead. New treasury and strong-rooms have been added. These for the sake of safety were lined with steel, concrete, and grills, and provided with the most up-to-date safes, etc. The accommodation provided for the settlement of the bank's exchanges is such as to greatly expedite this portion of the business. On the ground floor the banking chamber has been carried right through the full extent of the building, and has been finished to correspond with the old portion. It now measures 160ft in length and 70ft in width. New polished cedar fittings have been supplied throughout. The new portion is occupied by the offices of the manager, chief cashier, Government departments, gold office, and smelting rooms. The chamber as a whole with lifts and every convenience attached presents a very fine appearance. On the upper floors partitions have been removed, and larger rooms have been thus provided for the clerical staff. Dining rooms, library, smoke, and lounge rooms, and additional lavatory accommodation have been added for use by the entire staff, while the caretaker's quarters have been also considerably improved. The building throughout now possesses the very best light and air provisions obtainable, to secure which no expense has been spared. It is estimated that for some years to come the bank will be able to carry on its extensive and daily growing business with every measure of comfort and convenience to all concerned.

The contractors were Messrs. Alex. Dean and Sons, Limited, while the whole of the works were supervised by Messrs. Robertson and Marks, architects.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE INQUIRIES.

Before the Collector of Customs (Mr. N. Lockyer) yesterday several breaches of the Customs and Excise Acts were inquired into. In each instance the papers will be forwarded to the Minister for decision.

P. J. Moy and Co., E. Webster, and R. Penington.—Unlawful removal of Goods: In this case the respondents were the principal and two carters. It appeared that a transhipping entry was passed for 16 bales of broom corn ex a San Francisco vessel for the Union Company's wharf. The carters removed the goods without the necessary authority of the Customs officer. Evidence was given on behalf of Moy and Co. to the effect that the error was occasioned through the inexperience of their Customs clerk and a misunderstanding between the clerk and the carters. The respondents had to answer a case in respect to a further breach of the regulations in connection with the same shipment, inasmuch as eight of the bales instead of being shipped to Auckland, New Zealand, were sent to Brisbane. It was explained that the irregularity occurred owing to one of the drayloads of eight bales arriving late, and being in danger of being shut out of the New Zealand shipment. The clerk telephoned for instructions, and Moy and Co., told them to divert eight bales to Brisbane. That was done, and subsequently an entry was made out for the Harbour Trust showing that eight bales had been sent to Brisbane, and eight to Auckland—which were identical with the 16 bales previously passed for Auckland. It was further stated that the clerk was under the impression that the Customs-house and Harbour Trust were in such close touch that the entry would suffice for both, therefore the Customs entry was not amended. It was stated that Moy and Co. had written to their customer in Brisbane, telling him that the duty had not been paid, and he would have to pay it.

Fuller Carrying Company.—Misdescription of Goods: The alleged offences were in connection with two cases of boots and shoes. With regard to one case, it was explained that the error occurred owing to Mr. Fuller being interrupted while making out the entry. In connection with the other case, it appeared that a line of calf sandals was included in the value of some canvas shoes, all being entered at 30 per cent. Subsequently it was discovered that canvas shoes were only liable to a duty of 25 per cent., and a fresh entry was made out, in which the whole line was described as canvas shoes, whereas the calf sandals were dutiable at 30 per cent., and should have been so described.

Alfred Hunt, hotelkeeper, Gundagai.—Omission to Cut Beer Duty Stamps: It was explained by the respondent that the omission was due to the licensee being absent when the cask was tapped by a new hand, who was ignorant of the requirements of the law.

James Hawthorne, hotelkeeper, South Gundagai.—Omission to Cut Beer Duty Stamps: The respondent explained that he was absent when the cask was tapped, and that a stranger had obliged his (respondent's) wife by placing the cask on the stand. The omission was unintentional.

POLICE COURTS.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. L. King, D.S.M., John Walker, or Castles, 29, a dealer, appeared to answer a charge of stealing a gold hunting watch and a purse containing 2s, of the total value of £4, from the person of Reginald Barnaby Leicester, at Woolloomooloo, on November 21. Accused was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions to be held on November 28. Bail was allowed.

Henry K. Foster, alias Sydney Cohen, alias Frederick Bull, alias Francis Reynolds, aged 30, was, at the Central Police Court yesterday, committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions on a charge of having obtained from William Barclay the sum of £3 12s, on or about September 3, by means of a valueless cheque.

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MEETINGS.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Half-yearly General MEETING of the proprietors will be held at the Chief Banking-house, George-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, the 25th day of NOVEMBER, instant, at noon, to consider the report of the Board of Directors to be then made; to elect a Director in the room of the Honorable Sir Henry Normand MacLaurin, M.L.C., who retires by rotation, but is eligible for re-election; to elect a Director in the room of the Honorable Charles Kinnaird Mackellar, M.L.C., resigned, whose place has been temporarily filled by the appointment of Henry Montague Faithfull, Esq.; to elect two Auditors in the room of Frederick Wilson Uther and Alfred George Milson, Esqs., who retire at this time, the latter being eligible for re-election; and to consider such other matters and things as may then be brought forward in conformity with the Deed of Settlement.

By order of the Board of Directors,
J. RUSSELL FRENCH, General Manager.

By the 45th clause of the Deed of Settlement it is provided that every proprietor who shall become a candidate for the office of Director shall give notice thereof to the Board of Directors in writing fourteen days at the least before the day of election.

Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, 2nd November, 1904.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Hon. SIR HENRY NORMAND MacLAURIN, M.L.C., and HENRY MONTAGUE FAITHFULL, Esq., duly qualified Shareholders, are CANDIDATES for the office of Director in this Bank, and have given due notice thereof in terms of the Deed of Settlement.

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, General Manager.

Sydney, 11th November, 1904.

THE HAYMARKET PERMANENT LAND BUILDING and INVESTMENT COMPANY, Limited, 750 GEORGE-STREET, HAYMARKET, SYDNEY.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held on MONDAY, the 19th DECEMBER, 1904, at 7.45 p.m., in the Company's Offices, 750 George-street, Haymarket.

BUSINESS:
The Consideration and Adoption of the Annual Report and Balance-sheet.
The Declaration of a Dividend.
The Election of Directors and Auditors.
The Consideration of any other Business that may be brought forward in conformity with the Articles of Association.

Mr. R. J. TRIGGS and Mr. JETHRO FOSTER retire from the Board by rotation but are eligible for re-election.

Messrs. THOMAS and HENRY PRATT retire as Auditors but are eligible for re-election.

By order of the Board,
ROBT. B. BARTON, Manager.

23rd November, 1904.

NOTICE is hereby given that a General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the HAWKESBURY STEAM NAVIGATION CO., Ltd., will be held at Kelly's Hotel, Wiseman's Ferry, on SATURDAY, December 17th, at 1 p.m. sharp:—To receive Liquidators' Report in reference to the winding up of the above Company.
JNO. J. HERPS, Sec. to Liquidators.

WOMEN'S LIBERAL LEAGUE, Bondi Branch.—A Public MEETING will be held TO-MORROW NIGHT, Saturday, 26th Nov., at the Waverley Hall, at 8 o'clock. Mr. W. H. KELLY, M.P., will deliver an address. Lady M'Millan will preside. All Women Electors Specially Invited.

BRICKMAKERS' and CARTERS' UNION.—A Special MEETING of the above Union will be held in the Trades Hall, Sydney, TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock. Business: To discuss the award of the Arbitration Court. All members are requested to attend.
J. IVORY, Secretary.

BUILDING MATERIALS.

BALTIC WEATHERBOARDS for SALE, at Reduced Rates. HOLDSHIP and COMPANY, Pyrmont.

AUCTION SALES.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Yards, Quay-street, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock sharp—Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Store Pigs, Suckers, Carcase Pork and Veal, Roll and Keg Butter, Eggs, Honey, Lard, Fruit, Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, 25cwt Prime Farm-fed Bacon, 20cwt Prime Extracted Honey.

R. F. MURPHY AND CO. will sell by Auction at THEIR SALE ROOM AND YARDS, Thomas-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., Sucking Pigs, Poultry, Eggs, Honey, etc.

C. J. TURNER will sell, at his Rooms, the Poultry Farmers' Exchange, Valentine-street, Haymarket, at 1.30 THIS DAY, Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, etc.

HIDES AND SHEEPSKINS.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at the Wool Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 10.30, Sheepskins. And at 1.30 o'clock, Hides.

SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY by the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ld., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:—At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, SHEEPSKINS, at 10.30 a.m.; HIDES, at 1.30 p.m.

GEORGE H. MOXHAM and CO. sell by Auc. This Day at Wool Exchange, Sheepskins, 11; Hides, 1.30 p.m.

SPECIAL TRAIN.—The Offices of the Auctioneers will open at 8 a.m. TO-MORROW for Sale of Tickets to AUSTERMERE ESTATE, MOSS VALE. Train leaves Redfern 9.20 a.m. Return fare 3s 6d, or they can be obtained on the train. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., 98 Pitt-st.

CHEAP LAND at GORDON, North Shore Line, 3 o'cl., TO-MORROW. Richardson and Wrench, Ltd.

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GREAT CLEARING SALE OF THE CELEBRATED COOLANGATTA HERD OF DAIRY CATTLE.

BUYERS attending the Sale of JERSEYS and balance of AYRSHIRES can leave Sydney by Train THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, at 8.30 o'clock.
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WE have a Buyer for a number of PONY MARES (broken down), 13 to 14 hands, suitable for Breeding. Buyer will inspect at our Bazaar, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING, at 11 o'clock.
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INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp. Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness. And at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description. Specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

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On account Mr. E. GOLLAN, Buckendoon, 2 Light Horses, 6 yrs., broken to saddle and harness, very quiet.

On account of Mr. J. PHILLIPS, Lithgow, An Active Draught Gelding and good Buggy Horse, both reliable and stanch.

On account of Mr. W. HANLON, 2 Upstanding Bay Mares, thoroughly reliable and stanch, suit van or warehouse carts.

VAN TURNOUT AND SULKY LOT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Bay A.D. Gelding, stanch, Van and Harness; also Bay Gelding, 15 hands, quiet to trams; Sulky and Harness.

STYLISH BUGGY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. R. Windred to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Grey Pony Mare, 14 hands, fast and quiet in saddle and harness; S.S. Buggy and Harness, in perfect condition.

HOODED BUGGY AND 2 SULKIES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Hooded D.S. Cutunder Buggy and 2 Sulkies, all in good order.

HIGH-CLASS BUGGY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. J. Travis to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Bay Gelding, 15.1, good hack, quiet and reliable in S. and D. harness; American Hooded S.S. Buggy (BJM.) and Harness, equal to new.

UPSTANDING DRAUGHT GELDING.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Chestnut Draught Gelding, about 17 hands, thoroughly broken and good worker, any trial; suit van or lorry.

FAST SADDLE AND HARNESS MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. E. Ryan to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Bay Mare, about 16 hands, thoroughly quiet in saddle and harness, ton trial, and can trot 3.10, being sold as she is too heavy for owner's use.

RELIABLE S. AND H. HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Lucas to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Bay Gelding, 15.2, a good hack and thoroughly quiet in harness; suit a medical or private gentleman.

THOROUGHBRED PONY BY PREMIER.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Bay Mare, 5 yrs., 13.2, by Premier from Nancy; untried.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, REDLIGHT, Black Gelding, 7 yrs., by Goldsbrough, from Danger, winner of many races; should make a good horse for the country.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO MACHINERY MERCHANTS, BUYERS, DEALERS, and Others. SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 o'clock. The Machinery is now stored at WEST'S YARD, ENGINE-STREET, HAYMARKET, and will be Sold under Bill of Sale, Comprising 1 5-h.p. HORIZONTAL ENGINE, 1 6-h.p. TANGYE BOILER, 1 KNOWLES BOILER FEED PUMP, 1 DONKEY STEAM PUMP, ROTARY PUMP, 1 Perfect Grinding Mill, 1 30cwt Roller, 1 Double Purchase Crab Winch, 1 large Copper Bend, 1 Pulley, 60-5-24, 750ft ¼, 2in, and 3in Pipes, 400-gal. Ships' Tanks, 200-gal. Tanks, and hosts of sundries. The whole of the above Machinery is in first-class order, and equal to new.

A. BARNETT has received instructions to sell as above, WITHOUT RESERVE.

MONSTER SALE OF BUILDING MATERIAL, BY PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, No. 6 RENWICK-STREET, ALEXANDRIA, at the rear of Monk's Vinegar Works. Comprising 350 sheets of First-class Galvanised Iron, 6 to 9 ft. 50ft Cast-iron Balcony Railing, 2000ft H'wood Joists, 6 x 2½, 5 x 2½, 1500ft 4 x 2½, 4 x 2½ Studs, 4 x 3 Wall Plates, 10,000ft 3 x 1 Batten, 1500ft Flooring Boards, 750ft Partition and Lining Boards, Modern Box Frames and Sashes, Panel and Ledged Doors, Skirting and Architraves, Register Grates, Mantelpieces, Galvanised Iron Baths, Stoves, Water and Gas Piping and Fittings, and hosts of first-class class Buildings Materials; 20 loads Stone Flagging.

A. BARNETT has received positive instructions to sell every line WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE.

AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE SALEROOM.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 25th NOV., 1904, at 2.30 p.m. Under instructions from Messrs. DALGETY and CO., Ltd. 741 Packages INDIAN TEAS, ex Gracchus, etc. 190 Packages CEYLON TEAS.

F. H. DYER AND CO., Selling Brokers, 40 Royal Exchange, Sydney.

SAMPLES on view at Broker's Office.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND TOTALLY UNRESERVED SALE OF SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS. THIS DAY, at 11 SHARP, at Tara, cr. Rose-street and Edgecliff-road, Waverley, comprising—the Complete Furnishings of a large 6-roomed FAMILY RESIDENCE. Drawing-room Suite, in plush, Easy Chairs, Sideboard, B. glass back, with cellarettes, Singer's Torpedo Sewing Machine, latest improved, Oleographs, Carpets, Squares, Bric-a-Brac, Dining Table, Hearth Rugs, Fenders, Whatnot, 3 BEDROOMS, CHOICELY FURNISHED. Double and Single B.M. Bedsteads, Quantity Bed and Table Linen, in lots, WARDROBES, Duchesse Toilets, with Ware, Chests Drawers, Couches, Austrian Chairs, Linoleums, quite new; Stair Carpets and Rods, Glass and Electroware, Cutlery, Enamelware. *** The whole only 6 months from Warehouse.

ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.

MITCHELL AND CRANSTON, Auctioneers.

THIS DAY, 10.30. 56 OXFORD-STREET, CITY.

ABSOLUTELY UNRESERVED SALE OF THE STOCK IN TRADE OF A TOBACCONIST.

WALL AND COUNTER CASES, OFFICE DESK, PARTITION, COUNTER, GENERAL SUNDRIES. TERMS CASH. NO RESERVE.

J. P. LISTER will sell the above.

THIS DAY.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by Auction, at his Rooms, 247A PITT-STREET, The Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. J. SELIG, of King-street, Newtown. At 11 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc. At 3 o'clock, Sundries and Jewellery.

THIS DAY, AT ½ PAST 2 O'CLOCK.

J. GIDLEY FLEMING and SONS. Imperative Auction Sale at Rooms, 247 Pitt-street: Bedsteads and Bed Linen, Pine Safe, Tables, Washstands and Sets, Ice C., Crockery, Gas R., S. Cases, Mirrors, B'ber's Chair, H.W. Urn, Piano, Boilers, Pres. Pan, Garden Imp.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30 P.M.

LEAN will sell by Auction, at 75 Engine-street, Haymarket, Household Furniture of every description, Linoleums, Oilcloths, Wallpaper, and Stationery, large quantity of Clothing and Sundries. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at half-past 10 o'clock.—Household FURNITURE and Effects, H.T. Bedstead, W.Ms., Bedding, Washstand and Ware, Tables, Chairs, Enclosed Dresser, Tea Set, Crockery, Cooking Utensils.—H. LEVY has received instructions to sell by auction, at Bray-street, off Lugar-st, Waverley. No reserve.

SPECIAL TRAIN.—The Offices of the Auctioneers will open at 8 a.m. TO-MORROW for Sale of Tickets to AUSTERMERE ESTATE, MOSS VALE. Train leaves Redfern 9.20 a.m. Return fare 3s 6d, or they can be obtained on the train. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., 98 Pitt-st.

CHEAP LAND at GORDON, North Shore Line, 3 o'cl., TO-MORROW. Richardson and Wrench, Ltd.

LADIES' AERTEX CELLULAR Underwear, 20 per c. dis. D. Braham and Co., 75 King-st.

YEOLANDS EST., Neutral.—Leasehold Allots. at the Rooms, at 11.30 a.m., This Day. R. and W., Ltd.

CHEAP LAND at GORDON, North Shore Line, 3 o'cl., TO-MORROW. Richardson and Wrench, Ltd.

TO-MORROW,
MOSS VALE AND BONG BONG.

AUSTERMERE ESTATE, 4000 ACRES,

SUBDIVIDED FOR

FARMS, RESIDENCE SITES, ORCHARDS, ETC.

1, 5, 18, 50, 400 ACRE BLOCKS.

EASIEST OF TERMS. TORRENS TITLE.

SPECIAL TRAIN LEAVES REDFERN 9.20 a.m. TO-MORROW, RETURNING SAME DAY. RETURN TRIP ONLY 3s 6d CALLING AT GRANVILLE, CAMPBELLTOWN, AND PICTON.

TICKETS.—The Offices of the Auctioneers will Open at 8 a.m. TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, for convenience of those unable to procure their tickets earlier; they can be obtained at the train.

AUCTION ON THE ESTATE, AT THE HOMESTEAD,

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, AT 2 P.M.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD., Pitt-street, Sydney, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANDREW D. BADGERY, MOSS VALE.

FERNHILL

STATION, SURROUNDED BY THE STARKEY ESTATE, WILL BE CROWDED WITH EAGER BUYERS, ARRIVING BY THE 12.20, 1.20, and 2.20 TRAINS FROM SYDNEY TO-MORROW AFTERNOON. THE STARKEY ESTATE, SO LONG LOCKED UP, IS TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, ON THE GROUND. DON'T MAKE A MISTAKE, MIND; OR, BETTER STILL, CUT OUT THESE LARGE LETTERS, FORMING THE WORDS,

SATURDAY, NOV. 26, AT 3 P.M.

AUCTION SALE ON THE GROUND OF THE STARKEY ESTATE. THIS ESTATE COMPRISES SOME MOST MAGNIFICENT SITES, SUITABLE ALIKE FOR RESIDENTIAL OR BUSINESS PURPOSES, AND ITS PROSPECTIVE VALUE CAN BE IMAGINED. WE HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE IN SAYING THAT IN A SHORT TIME THE VALUE OF THIS LAND WILL BE TEN TIMES GREATER THAN AT PRESENT. FERNHILL IS ONLY 5 MILES FROM SYDNEY, OR 16 MINUTES BY RAIL, AND HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS THE SUMMER HILL OF THE BELMORE LINE, OWING TO ITS RAPIDLY INCREASING POPULARITY. THE TERMS ARE EASY, AND TITLE TORRENS. REMEMBER, THE SALE IS THE STARKEY ESTATE, SURROUNDING FERNHILL STATION. TO-MORROW. TO-MORROW. TO-MORROW.

SEND FOR PLANS. HENRY F. HALLORAN and CO., 94 PITT-STREET.

TOTALLY UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,

25th NOVEMBER, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

AT THE AUCTION SALEROOMS of JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, near King-street.

HIGHLY SUPERIOR FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS including the Furnishings removed from a Gentleman's Residence at North Sydney, and on account of several private interests, comprising—FINEST QUALITY CARPETS, HANDSOME OVERMANTELS, NEWEST DESIGNS, MASSIVE DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, including A FULL AND COMPLETE SUITE in ANTIQUE CARVED OAK.

Boldly Designed Sideboards, Telescope Dining Tables, Dinner Waggons, and Suites upholstered in Leather and Saddlebags.

CHESTERFIELD LOUNGES, DIVAN CHAIRS.

HALL AND LIBRARY FURNITURE.

DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE and COSTLY APPOINTMENTS.

HIGH-GRADE PIANOFORTES.

SEVERAL INSTRUMENTS, NEW AND SECOND-HAND, BY THE FIRST MAKERS.

BEDROOM FURNITURE, including HANDSOME SUITES for DOUBLE or SINGLE APARTMENTS. MASSIVE BEDSTEADS, with extra quality Bedding complete, and GENERAL HOUSEHOLD FURNISHING and NECESSARY REQUISITES.

RARE and VALUABLE VIOLIN, Signed Antonius Stradivarius Cremonensis, Faciebat Anno 1729.

LADIES' and GENT.'S BICYCLES.

THREE TYPEWRITERS—Remington, Caligraph, and Keystone.

Also,

A STYLISH DOGCART,

FAITHFULLY BUILT of SOLID WALNUT WOOD, with brass mounts, specially made to order at a cost of 66 Guineas, by L. SMITH, NEWTOWN, Prize Coach and Carriage Builder.

*** Highly suitable for a Medical Gentleman.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, AUCTIONEERS, WILL CONDUCT THE HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, at the AUCTION ROOMS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, as above.

MOORE PARK.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,

at 11 o'clock,

BURGH HOUSE, 14 PARK-ROAD.

Under instructions from Mrs. CORBETT, who is relinquishing housekeeping.

The whole of the HIGHLY SUPERIOR MODERN FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS, VALUABLE LIPP PIANOFORTE, to which the Auctioneers draw special attention. Etc., Etc., Etc. as Advertised in previous issues of this paper.

STRONGMAN AND WATSON have received instructions to conduct this highly IMPORTANT SALE.

ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

Auctioneers' Rooms and Office: Railway Station, Burwood. Tel., 200 Burwood.

TO MINING MEN, SYNDICATES, SPECULATORS, FARMERS, and OTHERS.

LARGE AND IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE of MINING MACHINERY, PLANT, TOOLS, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, and SUNDRIES.

CLEMENTS and McCARTHY have received instructions to sell by auction, in conjunction with HARDIE and GORMAN, ON THE GROUND, AT COW FLAT, 12 miles from Bathurst, 4 miles from George's Plains, on WEDNESDAY, 7th DECEMBER, commencing at 11 o'clock sharp, THE WHOLE OF THE PLANT IN CONNECTION WITH THE COLONIAL COPPER CORPORATION, Limited, comprising—

ENGINE HOUSE—Horizontal Winding Engine, 15 x 30 Automatic Sight Feed Lubricator to Steam Chest, 2 Drums (diameter of barrel 4ft 6in, width 2ft), 2 Steel Ropes (½in, about 300ft), 1 Indicator, Scharm's Patent Air Compressor (14 x 14 x 24 in, fitted with 2 Fly Wheels, Expansion Valves, and Double Automatic Sight Feed Lubricator for Steam Chest and Air Cylinder), Boiler (23ft 6in, diameter 5ft 7in), 1 Blake Feed Pump, Supply Pump, Duplex Blake Pump (4¼in x 3½in x 4in x 2in), Air Receiver (14ft 4in x 3ft, with Safety Valve), 2 400gal. Tanks, Wood Truck, Quantity Iron Rails, Hand Pump, Quantity White Lead, Travelling Wheels, Screw Wrench, Monkey ditto, 2 Stencil Combinations, etc.

ROOM UNDER ENGINE-HOUSE—½in Wire Rope, Crowbars, Spud ditto, Shovels, Picks, Chains, Windlass Rope, 1 12lb Hammer, Sling Chains, and Sundries.

BLACKSMITH and ENGINEER'S SHOP—1 40in Bellows, 1 30in ditto, 2 Anvils, Vice, 2 Bottom Swedges, 4 Top ditto, 2 Flaters, Stock, Dies, Steel ditto for marking tools, Pair Compasses, Duplex Pipe Cutting Dies and Taps from ½in to 2in, Pipe Cutting Stock, 2 Chain Pipe Tongs, Racket, Brace, Bits, Box Spanner, Buffalo Drilling Machine (hand power), etc. etc.

CARPENTERS' and MINERS' TOOLS—About 3cwt Steel Drills, Picks, Striking and Light Hammers, Tumbler Hooks, Timber Trucks, Wheelbarrows, Crosscut and Hand Saws, Planes, Augurs, Axes, Grindstone, Box Spanners, Bench with Screw Vice, Battens, Sawn Timber, etc. etc.

Also, A LARGE QUANTITY OF BUILDING MATERIAL, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, And Valuable and Useful Sundries too numerous to particularise in an advertisement.

The whole for positive and absolute sale in lots to suit all buyers. Sale will commence punctually at advertised time, viz., 11 o'clock.

*** Vehicles will leave the Royal Hotel, Bathurst, at 9 o'clock sharp on morning of sale, and will pick up train passengers at George's Plains. Fares moderate.

LUNCHEON PROVIDED. TERMS, CASH.

TO SMALL SHOPKEEPERS, CONFECTIONERS, DEALERS, AND OTHERS.

HYAM HAINS has received instructions from the Mortgagee to sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2.30, on the Premises, 233 Oxford-street, opposite the Gaol, Stock-in-Trade of a Confectioner. The whole will be submitted as a going concern, and if not sold then in lots to suit purchasers.

NO RESERVE. TERMS CASH.

THIS DAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK.

MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction at No. 170 George-street West, Ice Chest, Chairs, Oilcloth, Bed Linen, Blankets, Bedsteads, New and Second-hand Clothing, Furniture, Carpets, etc. No Reserve. A large assortment.

TO-MORROW.—GOOD and CHEAP ALLOTMENTS at Strathfield. Terms. Torrens. Lithos. R. and W., Ltd.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 25th NOVEMBER,

at ARCHIBALD WILSON'S WHARF, GRAFTON-STREET, BALMAIN, at 3 p.m.

A large quantity of Salvage, ex French Barque Adolphe, consisting of
1 Large Double-cylinder Steam Windlass.
2 Steam Winches, Double Cylinder, 8in, complete, French pattern.
1 8in. Single Winch, complete.
1 12-Horse Power Boiler, with mountings complete.
32 Sails, in good order and condition, 15 of which have never been used.
2 Tarpaulins, Heavy French Canvas, size 100ft long by 50ft wide.
35 Port Lights.
1 Small Condenser (for ship's use).
6 Oil Tanks.
Steering Gear, complete, with 2 Teak Wheels attached, Brass Bound.
6 Teak Skylights—1 Large, 5 Small, with Brass Fittings.
2 Hawsers—1 Tow Rope, 14in, 90 fathoms; 1 Spring, 10in, 50 fathoms, more or less (Pure Manila).
Quantity Wood and Iron Blocks.
Quantity Chains, ½, ⅝, and ¾.
2 Wooden Derricks (complete), with Iron Fittings.
2 Gangway Ladders and Stanchions.
4 Iron Davits, with gear complete.
60 Rigging Screws.
Quantity Wire Rigging.
1 12-horse-power Vertical Boiler (complete).
Large Quantity Sundries, etc.

The above can be inspected at Grafton-street Wharf and House, Balmain.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO. have received instructions from Mr. ARCHIBALD WILSON to Sell by Auction the above.

The steam launch VICTOR will leave foot Erskine-street on day of sale, 2.30 p.m., to convey intending buyers to sale.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, at DARLING ISLAND WHARF, WESTERN SIDE, AT 11 A.M.

ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, WITH ALL FAULTS.

EX DORSET, IN BOND, QUANTITY LOOSE LEAF TOBACCO.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO. have received instructions to sell by auction the above.

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THIS DAY, NOV. 25, AT 11 A.M.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, at THE BIJOU COTTAGE RESIDENCE, DEVON, Park-road, Park-avenue.

***Leave Tram at Flood-street.

***The Furnishings have only been in use a few months, and are equal to NEW.

Mention may be made of FINEST ELECTROPLATE, GLASSWARE, CHINA.

SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARD, SIZE 5FT.,

MAHOGANY EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SOLID WALNUT HALL STAND, OVERMANTEL, SEWING MACHINE, WICKER CHAIRS, PICTURES, CURTAINS, RUGS, FENDERS, OCCL. TABLES, AUST. CHAIRS.

SOLID WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE.

DOUBLE AND THREE-QUARTER BEDSTEADS, etc.

HOUSEHOLD LINEN.

VERY FINE LINOLEUMS.

KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY REQUISITES.

SYDNEY DAVIS, AUCTIONEER, 9 Barrack-street. Tel., 4293.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

ESTATE Rev. J. MILNE CURRAN, of 673 DOWLING-STREET, MOORE PARK.

BY ORDER OF THE OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,

AT 11 O'CLOCK.

RARE AND VALUABLE LIBRARY, COMPRISING OVER 1000 VOLUMES of GEOLOGICAL, SCIENTIFIC, RELIGIOUS, TRAVEL, ENCYCLOPAEDIA, REPORTS, etc. CHOICE COLLECTION OF GEOLOGICAL SPECIMENS. The Library and Geological Specimens will first be submitted each in one line, failing a satisfactory bid the whole will be disposed of in lots.

C. F. W. LLOYD has received instructions from the Official Assignee to sell by public auction the above, at 673 Dowling-street, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at eleven o'clock.

TERMS, CASH.

THIS DAY, NOVEMBER 25th, AT 11 A.M.

ON THE PREMISES, PITT-STREET, CITY, near Bathurst-street and Y.M.C.A.-building, Consequent on the Land being required for Building Purposes.

A. G. JENKINS has been instructed to sell LARGE GALVANISED IRON SHED, Quantity of Galv. Ridge Capping, Galvanised, Corrugated, and Plain Iron and Zinc, Galvanised Ends, Tees, and Elbows, Nails, Paint, Lamp Chimneys, Store Trucks, Shovels, Heating Stoves, Ships' Closet Pans, Lot of Useful Sundries.

ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, NOVEMBER 25th, AT 2.30 P.M.

ON THE PREMISES, GEORGE-STREET, MANLY, off the Sydney-road, near Fairlight-street.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE MORTGAGEE.

LARGE QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND MISCELLANEOUS EFFECTS.

A. G. JENKINS has received imperative instructions to sell as above, THIS AFTERNOON.

ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON, AT 2.30,

AT THE SALE ROOMS, 115 BATHURST-STREET.

GENERAL and SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, comprising:—Glassware, Cutlery, Electroplate, Chinaware, Leather Suite of 9 pieces, Best Linoleum, Brussels Carpets, Lace Curtains, Charming Drawing-room Furnishings, Ocean Tables, Hearthrugs, Bord Pianoforte, Bedroom Suites, Wardrobes, Duchesse Chests, Sewing Machine, B.M. Bedsteads, Double and Single, complete Turnouts, 2-roller Mangle, Laundry and Kitchen Requisites, Iron Safe, Double Door, General Office Furniture, etc.

VINCENT H. KELSON, AUCTIONEER, has received instructions from the various vendors to sell as above.

THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock.—Clothing, Boots, Fancy Goods, Ornaments, Choice Pot Plants, Tub Ferns, Furniture, etc.—H. LEVY will sell by auction, at 135 Regent-street. No Reserve.

AT 280 King-street, Newtown, TO-MORROW, Saturday, at 3 p.m.—J. KELLY will Sell a magnificent stock of new FURNITURE, Bedding, Crockery, etc. NO RESERVE.

TO-MORROW.—GOOD and CHEAP ALLOTMENTS at Strathfield. Terms. Torrens. Lithos. R. and W., Ltd.

CHEAP LAND at GORDON, North Shore Line, 3 o'cl., TO-MORROW. Richardson and Wrench, Ltd.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

ORDER OF SALE

CITY, SUBURBAN, AND COUNTRY PROPERTIES to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, At the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

CITY.—Residence, "Portlaw," No. 673 Dowling-st, Moore Park. Mortgagees' sale.
DARLING POINT.—Water Frontage Residence, "Montion," Yarranabbe-road and Harbour.
DARLINGTON.—Shop and Dwelling, No. 11 Darlington-road.
GLEBE POINT.—Four Cottages and Vacant Land, Hereford and Hegarty streets.
PADDINGTON.—Shop and Dwelling, Gurner and Norfolk streets; and Shop adjoining.
PADDINGTON.—House, No. 55 Sutherland-street, and Cascade-street.
WOOLLAHRA.—Two Shops and Dwellings, Nos. 83 and 85 Queen-street, near Moncur-street. Freehold.
NEUTRAL BAY.—The Yeolands Estate Subdivision, Ben Boyd and other roads, 19 Lots. Leasehold; Lithos.
NEWTOWN.—Twenty Cottages, Nos. 214 to 252 Stanmore-road. Mortgagee's sale.
NEWTOWN.—Four Cottages, Nos. 6 to 12 Prospect-street.
NEWTOWN.—Shop and Dwelling, No. 40 and 1/2 Prospect and O'Connell streets.
NEWTOWN.—Two Cottages, Nos. 42 and 44 O'Connell-street.
STANMORE.—Two Houses, Nos. 24 and 26, "Wester" and "Lyndhurst," Marsall street. Mortgagee's sale. 1 or 2 lots.
WATERLOO.—Allotment, Jessamin-street, near Botany-street. Freehold.
DULWICH HILL.—House, Silverleigh, Prospect-street, between Wardell and Canterbury roads.
DULWICH HILL.—House, "Lleamas," Douglas-street.
MARRICKVILLE.—Cottage, Centennial-street, between Addison and Petersham roads. Mortgagee's sale.
KILLARA.—Cottage, Springdale-road, close to station.
HUNTERS HILL.—Residence, "Kyarra," Drummoyne and Madeline streets.
HUNTERS HILL.—Cottage, Drummoyne-street, occupied by Mr. Fitzgerald.
HUNTERS HILL.—Cottage, Madeline-street, occupied by Mrs. Roberts.
HUNTERS HILL.—Cottage, Madeline-street, occupied by Mrs. Cullen.
HUNTERS HILL.—Cottage, Brick Cottage, and and W. B. Cottage, Madeline-street.
HUNTERS HILL.—Cottage, Alexandra-street, near Ferdinand-street.
NORTH ANNANDALE.—Allotment, Taylor-street, near Booth-street.
LEICHHARDT.—Two Blocks, Emma-street, with Cottage and House thereon. Executors' sale.
LEICHHARDT.—Cottage, No. 90 Day-street, between Elswick and Renwick streets.
LEICHHARDT.—Cottage, "Vulcan," No. 8 Catherine and Centre streets.
KENSINGTON.—Cottage, "Valletta," Ruthven-road.
MARSFIELD.—Block, 9ac 1r 21p, Agincourt, Balaclava, and Culloden roads.
WELLINGTON.—120 acres, Wellington Flat, at Bell River, with Cottage and all improvements. Mortgagee's sale.
WELLINGTON.—160 acres at Poggy Creek, Parish of Nanima, 8 miles from Wellington.
WELLINGTON.—417 acres Freehold, Macquarie River, at Ponto, with Cottage and all improvements. 120 ac. C.L. will be sold with this Freehold.
PORT HACKING.—Block, 1ac 2r, Point-road, Gunnamatta Bay, with Cottage thereon. Freehold.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

AUSTERMERE ESTATE, Moss Vale, TO-MORROW. Special train. Fare, 3s 6d. Tickets and full particulars from RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., 98 Pitt-street.

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SPECIAL TRAIN.—The Offices of the Auctioneers will open at 8 a.m. TO-MORROW for Sale of Tickets to AUSTERMERE ESTATE, MOSS VALE. Train leaves Redfern 9.20 a.m. Return fare 3s 6d, or they can be obtained on the train. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., 98 Pitt-st.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening.

There was some improvement in business in stocks and shares to-day, the market generally being a strong one. Government securities remained as before. Commercial Bank of Sydney brought the previous price; Bank of New South Wales quitted at 42¼. Australian Joint Stock Bank B deposits continue to sell at 12s 6d, one transaction reported at 12s 7d. North Coast Steam advanced 3d, selling at 20s. United Insurance, new, were rather dearer, having buyer at 55s. Gaslight remained steady. Tooth's Brewery rose 3d, as also Castlemaine and Wood Bros. In the miscellaneous list, Shale and Oil were 3d higher, Fresh Food and Ice 1½d, W. H. Soul, Pattinson and Co. 1s, Excelsior Deposits 3d, Sydney Hydraulic, and Hydraulic and Engineering being quitted at the previous prices.

The following sales were reported on 'Change:—Forenoon: Bank of New South Wales, 42¼; A.J.S. Bank B. Deposits, 12s 7d. Noon: North Coast Steam, 20s; Fresh Food and Ice, 8s 9d; A.J.S. Bank B Deposits, 12s 6d; Bank of New South Wales, 42¼; Silverton Tramway, 53s 6d; Sydney Hydraulic and General Engineering, 14s 4½d. Afternoon: Washington H. Soul, Pattinson and Co., 30s; A.J.S. Bank B Deposits, 12s 6d; Sydney Hydraulic, 20s paid, 30s 6d; New South Wales Shale and Oil, 1s 3d; Tooth and Co., 26s 9d; Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney, 26¾.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyers.	Sellers.	*Yield to Investor.
	£	£	£					p.c.
STOCKS, &c. N.S.W. F.S. Act of 1892	549,350	...	...	4	100½	100	...	4
Do. Act 1873	530,189	...	...	4	101½	100	...	4
Do. 1907	...	...	...	4	100	...	...	...
Do. 1919	3,490,127	...	...	3	81½	78	82	3½
Do. 1912	973,997	...	...	3½	99	...	...	3½
Do. deb. 1908	...	...	...	4	100	99½	100½	4
Do. do. 1909	...	...	...	...	99½	...	...	...
Do. F.S. 1925	222,225	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Do. T. Bills, 1905	1,000,000	...	...	3½	99	98	...	4½
Do. T. Bills, 1906	1,000,000	...	...	3½	99½	...	...	...
Ditto, 1907	...	...	...	4	99½	99	...	4
Do. Deb. 1902	309,800	...	...	5	100	...	...	...
N.Z. do. 1909	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Queens. Trs. Bills	...	...	...	4	...	100	102	...
W.A. Insc.	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Col. Sugar D. 1914	...	...	...	5	103½	103	...	4½
Chydyd. Deb.	220,000	...	...	4	...	99	...	4
Ditto, 1908	50,000	...	...	4	102	...	...	4
Australn. Gas Debentures	...	...	...	4	...	99	...	4
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	1,168,041	10	7½	...	...	...	...	...
Austral'sia	1,600,000	40	40	12	...	80	...	5½
City	240,000	10	8	4	80/	79/	81/	8
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	71/	71/	...	9
Com'l of Aust.	94,882	10	10/	...	...	3/	4/	...
Ditto pref.	2,117,220	10	10	3	98/	97/	100/	6
Com. Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	26¾	26½	26¾	4½
E.S. of Aus.	1,192,440	8	5	3½	60/	54/	57/6	5½
Ditto, pref.	305,180	10	10	5	...	...	...	...
N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	10	42¼	42¼	42½	4¾
New Zealand	427,319	6⅔	3⅓	5	...	...	...	5¼
N.Qu'nsland	100,000	7	2	2½	13/	12/9	...	7¼
Q'sland Nat.	413,003	5	3	...	2/9	...	...	...
Royal of Q.	457,498	9	6½	3½	5/1	...	...	...
Union	1,500,000	75	25	10	46½	46½	47½	5¼
DEPOSITS. A.J.S. Bk.— Class A	...	...	...	3	19/1	18/1½	18/4½	5½
Class B	...	...	...	3	12/3	12/6	12/7½	4½
Do. Inc.	798,033	...	...	3½	11/6	11/4½	11/9	5
Com. of Aus. A ser., 1898	687,379	...	...	3½	19/3	18/6	...	3½
Ditto Assets	3,334,903	...	...	3	13/3	12/9	...	4½
E.S.A. Inc. pref.	889,418	...	...	3	11/6	11/7½	12/	5
Do. det.	817,477	...	...	4½	15/9	15/6	...	5
Do. Deb.	983,547	...	...	4	16/1½	15/9	...	4½
Q'sland Nat.	3,116,621	...	...	3½	13/3	12/10	...	5½
STEAM. Balm'n Ferry	16,420	1	1	7	20/9	22/	...	...
Hawarra	49,795	5	3	8½	97/6	...	...	8½
How'rd Smith	350,000	20	20	10	19/	...	...	...
Nepaid	250,000	20	5/	5	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	100,000	1	1	6	19/9	19/6	...	6
Newcastle	131,250	1	17/6	6	20/	19/10½	20/3	5½
North Coast	140,000	1	1	10	47/6	46/6	...	4¼
Syd. Ferries	25,000	50	25/	8	30/	30/	31/	...
T. Jackson	8,745	1	1	4	...	17/6	...	...
INSURANCE. A.M. Fire	62,500	1	12/6	14½	43/	39/6	41/	4½
Mer. Mut.	37,500	1	5/	16½	16/	15/6	16/6	5½
N. Zealand	200,000	10	2	15	94/4	99/	...	6
N.Z'land	50,000	1	10/	...	13/	...	...	...
Ditto	3,562	1	...	8	...	...	...	...
United	62,500	10	2½	12½	97/6	96/	100/	7½
Ditto new	5,725	10	25/	12½	55/	55/	56/6	...
GAS. Albury	7,390	1	12/6	10	20/3	20/	21/	6½
Australian	750,000	6	6	15	17½	17½	17½	5½
Ch. Towers	20,000	10	10/	1	14/9	...	...	...
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	51/	...	...	6½
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	27/6	...	...	5½
M'land Gas	15,500	5	5	7	...	6	...	...
Manly	10,000	1	1	8	26/	...	...	...
Ditto New	5,000	1	10/	8	...	12/9	14/	...
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	7	18/9	18/6	...	7½
Newcastle	38,266	2	2	15	6½	5½	...	...
N. Shore	125,000	1	1	8	31/6	31/6	...	5
Do. New	12,500	1	10/	...	20/	...	...	...
BREWERIES. Australian	48,000	10	10/	3	9/	...	2/3	...
C. and Wood Bros.	230,000	1	1	4	8/9	8/9	9/3	9
Marshall's	91,250	10	5	6	8/	...	...	9
Perkins'	101,000	15	15	...	28	27/9	...	6
Toohey's	550,000	1	1	4	13/6	13/9	...	6
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	4	25/9	26/6	27/	5½
MISCELL'N'S. Assoc'd	17,500	15	10/	...	2/5	2/5	3/	...
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	...	6/6	...	7/	...
A.H.W. Sup.	285,000	1	1	...	18/	...	20/	...
Burns, Philp	230,000	1	1	8	28/6	28/	29/	5½
New Issue	35,000	1	10/	8	15/3	...	...	5¼
Col. Sugar	2,005,200	20	20	10	37½	37	37½	5½
Dalgety & Co.	1,000,000	20	5	5	87/6	...	...	5½
Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre	80,000	1	1	7	35/	19/	21/	...
Emu B. Rail	...	...	...	...	...	1/	2/	...
Elec. & Prospect Gravel	27,200	1	16/	7	7/9	7/6	9/	14
McCo., con.	21,050	1	15/	7½	10/	9/	11/	10
Mel. Trams	480,000	1	10/	...	21/4	...	...	...
M. de Prede.	74,402	1	1	10	37/6	37/3	...	5½
Ditto, new	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mort's Dock	200,000	1	1	...	17/	12/6	...	...
Ditto Pref.	45,301	1	1	6	17/9	...	18/3	6¾
F. Food, Ice	91,730	12	10/	...	8/9	8/7½	8/10½	...
Hair and Oil	80,000	1	17/	...	1/8	1/2	1/4	...
New York and B. Tob.	18,500	1	1	10	19/	...	...	...
Perp. Trust	25,000	5	2/6	8	4/	4/	4/1	9
Perp. Trust	25,000	10	5/	10	10/3	10/	10/3	5
Queen's M. Exp.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	11/	10/6	...	9
Silv. Trams	197,480	1	1	20	53/6	54/	55/	...
Syd. Exch.	30,000	10	10	6	12	11½	...	5
Syd. Hyd.	75,000	1	1	10	30/6	30/3	30/9	6½
Ditto	37,500	1	10/	10	15/9	15/6	16/	6¼
Ditto Hyd. & G.E.	15,000	1	10/	10	14/4½	14/3	14/6	7
Vol. Land Inst.	...	...	...	...	120	...	...	...
Hall's Merc. Agency	12,000	1	20/	...	...	...	18/	...
Manly Water Chute	...	...	...	...	4/10	2/6	4/	...
W. H. Soul, Patt. & Co.	120,000	1	...	10	30/6	29/3	30/6	6½
LAND & BD. Excels. Dep.	...	...	...	...	9/6	9/6	...	...
Haymark. D.	...	...	...	...	17/	...	...	...
Do. Shares	...	...	...	3	...	...	18/	...
[illegible]	6,000	20	1/	160	...	...	...	...
Ind. Prov.	45,950	20	...	...	...	20	21	5½
Intern. Pr.	36,974	1	15/	9	20/	...	...	...
Newc. B. & I.	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...
Fpl. Prov. L.	18,750	7/6	7/6	...	...	...	...	...

*Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

The dividends of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company are the same as in the previous year. To the interim dividends of 2½ per cent. on the preferred and 3½ per cent. on the deferred stock are now added for the second half of the year 2½ per cent. on the preferred, and 6½ per cent., with a bonus of 3 per cent., on the deferred.

The local wool sales to-day closed firm for all descriptions, medium greasies and all crossbreds being in strong demand. Scoured sold at unchanged rates. Greasy sold to 15d, and scoured to 19½d. The catalogues comprised 8795 bales, and the quantity sold was 8376 bales. The week's offerings amounted to 37,006 bales, while, including wool sold privately, the quittances aggregated 37,199 bales—the largest quantity sold in one week for a long time past, if not the largest ever sold in the time. The activity in the market has been most pronounced, eagerness to buy never having been greater—a state of business based on the comparative smallness of the world's stocks. The quantities of wool offered and sold to date, in comparison with the figures of the two previous years, were as follows:—

	Offered. Bales.	Sold. Bales.
1902	97,020	101,829
1903	126,302	124,217
1904	209,676	212,884

The figures of the year bulk very largely beside those of the two previous years.

The doctrine that the Government is to control the rate of interest on money on behalf of particular classes—in other words, to give less for it to the thrifty owners, and to lend it more cheaply to the thrifty occupiers of the land—is one which cannot be defended, except on the principle that from those who have shall be taken to give to those who have not. If public policy is to determine that those who have a little money must lend it at an arbitrary rate fixed by the Government, then it may easily be advanced that the rate of interest on any money shall not exceed any given figure. Legislation has gone in that direction in the past. But it has always been futile, and has been abandoned, after adverse experience. The trustees of the Savings Bank of New South Wales are perfectly justified in making the best use they can, within their legal rights, of the deposits entrusted to their custody, and in paying 4 per cent., or any sum they have earned, to depositors. Still further, they are not warranted in reserving anything more than is required. Such as challenge this view of the position give weight to the opinion of those who say that the amalgamation of the banks is sought so as to secure for the Government the deposits in the Barrack-street bank, as also the reserves, amounting to over £200,000 else why should it be said "that the action of the trustees means that the Government would have to pay more for borrowed money?" A higher rate will probably have to be paid by the Government for money should the amalgamation be effected, for many people will not be content with 3½ to 3½ per cent. when that is below the current value of money. It is partly because the Barrack-street Bank gives a somewhat higher rate on deposits than the Post Office Savings Bank that it is used by depositors, and we think it is a mistake to suppose that the whole of the deposits in the two institutions would be retained by a united bank. Experience will probably show that the cost of management of an amalgamated bank, on the lines proposed, will be greater than that of the Savings Bank of New South Wales.

The annual report of the Temperance and General Mutual Life Assurance Society to September 30 shows that there had been issued 4357 policies, assuring £435,373, in the ordinary department, and 48,436 policies, assuring £1,118,618, in the industrial department. The ordinary premiums amounted to £65,228, and the industrial £80,093; while interest and rents on the total funds amounted to £17,198. On the other side, ordinary policy holders were paid £29,284, and industrial £13,384. Expenses in the ordinary department absorbed £19,300, or nearly 28 per cent. of the premiums, and in the industrial department £48,594, or about 60 per cent. of the premiums, the rate of expenditure being less than in the previous year. The total funds amounted to £412,619, showing an increase of £52,963 for the year. The funds were invested at 4.45 per cent., being considerably higher than the rate at which the policies were valued. The death claims, it is stated, were very low. The society embraces nearly 100,000 policy holders.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Nov. 23.

METALS.

Copper on spot is quoted at 66¾, and three months at 66½ per ton.

WHEAT.

The cargo of the Windsor Park, 12,500qrs of Australian wheat, for January-February shipment, 14,000qrs and 16,000qrs for December-January shipment, has been sold at 32s 3d per 480lb c.f.i.

VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The visible supply of wheat and flour east of the Rockies is stated by "Bradstreets" as the equivalent of 55,623,000 bushels, against 56,000,000 bushels a year ago.

THE TALLOW SALES.

At the tallow sales to-day 726 casks were offered, and 610 were sold. Prices realised were:—Mutton, fine 29s 3d, medium 26s 6d; beef, fine 27s 6d, medium 26s.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat was steady at 3s 2d ex trucks for new season's. There was an improvement advised from London. Cables report the sale of several cargoes at 32s 3d, and 32s per quarter is the best price now offering. Meanwhile freights are firmer. The Cupica has been placed for Adelaide, loading at 25s 9d, and this has more less established a market from owners' point of view. This is seen from the fact that 25s was refused for the Brablock for Sydney loading. Flour remained quiet at £8 5s to £8 10s for parcels.

At Darling Harbour to-day 340 tons of wheat and 152 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

Cables from London regarding the prospects of the wheat market are unfortunately by no means promising, and in this respect they bear a sharp contrast with those of a few months back. It is the old story of high prices bringing out supplies from all sorts of unexpected places. Russian shipments are said to have had a material effect on the market. These have undoubtedly been heavy. From August 1, when the world's cereal year opened to latest mail date, the exports from that country totalled no less than 4,930,000 quarters against 4,280,000 quarters during the corresponding period in the previous season. It must be remembered in this connection that for several years Russia practically ceased to contribute any wheat at all owing to famine conditions prevailing in that country. At that time the United States was a large supplier, and despite Russia's abstention the market experienced no radical rise. Now America has taken a back seat, and Russia has assumed first rank among wheat-supplying countries. Up to date this year the United States has only shipped 1,110,000 quarters against 3,920,000 quarters last year for the same period, while Australia is down for 678,000 quarters against nil a year ago. The second largest supplier this year has been India, from which country 1,991,000 quarters were shipped against 1,507,000 quarters last season for the corresponding period. From Argentina there were shipped this year 1,292,000 quarters as compared with 545,000 quarters last year, and cables have since been received to the effect that shipments from the Republic continue heavy, and are assisting to have a weakening effect on prices at Mark-lane.

IMPORT MARKET.

An active distributing trade was composed to-day, bulk transactions being less numerous, though prices ruled firm in nearly all instances. Some good-sized parcels of tea were reported as being moved off. The freight battle of rates between Colombo and Calcutta and Australian markets continues without abatement, and those taking part appear to look for a prolonged struggle. Sugar was well held without alteration in rates. Groceries and dried fruits were freely distributed. Liquors moved off slowly. Metals remained steady without material change, though cartridges ruled a shade firmer in sympathy with the advancing market for lead. Jute goods of all descriptions were well held at full late rates. Bluestone again had attention, and some fair parcels of whitelead were moved off.

Tea.—In the aggregate 450 packages of Ceylon and Indian teas were placed at up to 1s 1d, 50 chests Ceylons 7d to 7½d, 30 chests ditto 6½d, 20 chests 7½d, and 30 chests 8½d per lb.

The freight fight for supremacy in the Eastern Australian trade continues with unabated vigor. Interviewed in Colombo Mr. O. G. S. Lane said that the Commonwealth line had made fixed arrangements for 12 to 18 months ahead, and that when the new jute season started the "combine" would commence a loss which before it finished would approximate £150,000. He explained that the position of the Commonwealth line was absolutely secure. To them the Calcutta and Colombo trade was a small matter. What that trade did was to enable them to pay for bunker coal, which was an expensive item in taking delivery of chartered ships in Australia. Their business really started when the chartered steamer arrived in Australia. Their real trade was with Eastern markets. For instance, in Manila, they had already contracts with the American Government, and were then completing a 70,000 ton coal contract. Opposition had been broken down in Java, New Zealand, and elsewhere. From Calcutta contracts had been already entered into at 15s per ton for the next three years. It was of advantage for them to secure cargo in Calcutta and Colombo instead of having to run their steamers down to Australia in ballast. Planters in Ceylon had already benefited in the much larger shipments made this year to Australia, and blenders in Australia had also benefited by a reduction of about ½d per lb in their costs. They had already secured from one-quarter to one-third of Colombo tea trade with Australia.

Messrs. F. H. Dyer and Co. will offer at auction, at the Royal Exchange saleroom, to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, 741 packages of Indian and 189 of Ceylon teas, on account of Dalgety and Co., Ltd.

A private cable from Colombo reads:—"Tea market firm. Shipments very small."

Groceries.—One ton of desiccated cocoanut was placed at market rates.

Dried Fruits.—160 boxes of Mildura lexias changed hands at trust rates.

Eastern Produce.—A sample of new season's canary seed from Queensland was seen to-day. It compared favourably with the best imported. Reports have been received to the effect that the production of the Northern State this year will reach 300 tons. This should prove a valuable industry. The Commonwealth statistics recently published do not differentiate between canary, hemp, and rape seed. Of the three lines, however, 49,198 centals were imported into the Commonwealth last year, the aggregate value being £33,031. The duty levied is 1s 6d per cental. The bulk of the imports of these seeds consists of canary seed, though it is not possible to give the exact proportions.

Metals.—Small sales of black wire were made at £7 12s 6d and £7 17s 6d for 8 and 10, and of barbed wire at £13 10s. Cartridges had a firmer tendency owing to the continuous advance in the price of lead.

Jute Goods.—Cornsacks were firmly held. Twenty bales changed hands at 7s 1½d, but this price could be shaded to arrive ex Surada, which will be here in about three weeks' time. Fifty bales of branbags went at 3s 6½d, holders now looking for 3s 7d. The latest c.i.f. price cabled from Calcutta is 3s 6½d. Woolpacks remained at 2s, and orebags at 2s 4d and 3s 3d for 16 and 20 oz. respectively.

Oils.—Fifty cases of Pratt's turps went at 3s 9d, 75 drums of Blundell and Spence's raw linseed oil at 2s 8d, and 100 drums of boiled at 2s 10d, with some casks at 2d per gallon less. Five tons of Ferguson's white lead moved off at £26 for cwts and £27 for quarters, and three tons of Champion's at £27 5s and £27 15s respectively.

Miscellaneous.—Ten tons of Ceylon mattress fibre changed hands at market rates.

Chemicals.—Five tons of Macclesfield bluestone moved off to arrive at £27 per ton. Holders of spot stocks ask extreme prices.

Messrs. J. Thomas and Co., in their Calcutta shellac market report, state:—"Hardly any business has been done during the past fortnight, owing partly to the Poojah holidays and partly to the excited state of the London market for near positions. Reuter quoted a rise of 40s in two days for October, but the trade apparently did no business at these prices, as shippers here would not follow the rise."

Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. will offer, to-morrow, Friday, a quantity of salvage ex Adolphe. A launch leaves the foot of Erskine-street at 2.30 p.m. to convey buyers to Balmain.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £10,510. The principal items were:—Stimulants, £1773; narcotics, £869; sugar, £80; agricultural products and groceries, £714; apparel and textiles, £587; metals and machinery, £713; oils, paints, and varnishes, £188; earthenware, cement, etc., £181; drugs and chemicals, £55; wood, wicker, and cane, £105; jewellery and fancy goods, £195; leather and rubber, £213; paper and stationery, £182; vehicles, £64; musical instruments, £127; miscellaneous, £73; harbour and light dues, £116; pilotage, £80; harbour dues, £10; excise on spirits, £307; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1001; excise on beer, £187; excise on starch, £82; excise on sugar, £2591.

EXPORT MARKET.

London Wool Sales.—The following private cables have been received:—

By Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited:—"As compared with closing rates of last series, Australian merinos are from par to 5 per cent. higher. Wools suitable for the American market are on the average higher, whilst crossbreds are from 10 to 12 per cent. higher."

By Dalgety and Co., Limited: "Wool sales continue firm, with an upward tendency. Prices for medium and coarse crossbreds are, on the average, 10 to 15 per cent. higher than the closing rates of last series."

Frozen Meat Market.—Dalgety and Co., Limited, are in receipt of the following cable from their London house, dated 23rd inst.: "In consequence of cold weather there is an increasing demand for frozen meat in general."

London Tallow Sales.—At Wednesday's auctions of Australian tallow at the Baltic Rooms a small supply was offered, with good sales at advanced rates. Prices were as follow:—Fine mutton 6d higher at 29s 3d, medium mutton is higher at 26s 6d; fine beef 3d higher at 27s 6d, medium is higher at 26s cwt. During the past few weeks sales were:—

	Offered. Casks.	Sold. Casks.	Med. Mutt. Per cwt.	Med. Beef. Per cwt.
Sept. 28	1420	940	26s 9d	26s 0d
Oct. 5	924	806	27s 0d	26s 6d
Oct. 12	1311	605	27s 0d	26s 6d
Oct. 19	1561	76	26s 6d	26s 6d
Oct. 26	1468	256	25s 6d	25s 9d
Nov. 2	1241	394	25s 6d	25s 0d
Nov. 16	950	709	25s 6d	25s 0d
Nov. 23	726	610	26s 6d	26s 0d

The following is a comparative statement of the prices of the leading descriptions of tallow in London on October 12 of this and the preceding four years, together with the stocks held at the dates mentioned:—

	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.
Price of Town Tallow	27/6	29/9	31/3	28/3	27/6
Dto. Austrl. Mutton dto.	27/6	32/6	34/6	28/6	28/-
Ditto Beef ditto	26/3	30/-	33/-	27/6	26/-
Ditto Melted Stuff	18/-	20/6	21/6	19/-	17/6
Ditto Rough ditto	9/3	10/6	11/	9/-	8/3
Stock	29,717	8487	24,234	12,169	8878

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour on Thursday 6099 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail, 227 bales came forward coastwise, and at Newcastle on Wednesday 87 bales were received.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—Queensland Trustees, s 4s 9d; Queensland National Bank, b 13s 1d, s 13s 4d; Queensland 3½ per cent. loan, b £91, s £94; Savings Bank 3 per cent. stock, s £85½; 4 per cent. Treasury Bills, b £100 10s, s £101 10s.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 3 per cents. stock, £90 10s; Commercial Bank, preferential, £5; National Bank, ordinary, 55s 6d; Special Assets, Trust Deposit Receipts, 13s 3d; English, Scottish, and Australian Bank, deferred deposit receipts, 16s; London Bank Deposit receipts, 18s 10d; Metropolitan Gas, £8 2s; Silverton Tram, 58s 6d; Squatting and Investment, 24s 6d.

Moderate business done in old wheat at 3s 2d to 3s 2½d. Sellers of new wheat ask 3s 2½d for January delivery. Bran, 7½d to 7½d; pollard, 8d to 8½d. Algerian ots 1s 2d to 1s 3d; maize steady at 2s 3d; chaff, 30s to 45s. Potatoes, 17s 6d to 55s. Onions up to £3; special, £4. At the tea auction prices were firm; 1099 packages Indian were offered and 671 packages sold at 5½d to 8d; 213 packages Ceylon offered and 127 packages sold at 5d to 11d; 200 packages Ceylon sold privately at 7½d to 11d. Currants sold to arrive at 4d. Tinned salmon is in good demand. 150 bales cornsacks sold at 6s 6d. Trade lots fetch 6s 10½d for spot and 6s 9d for early arrivals, and 6s 6d for all December delivery. Good forward business done in woolpacks on c.i.f. terms. Moderate business done in tinplates.

PRODUCE INWARD.

BELLINGER HEADS, Thursday.

The steamer Nerong sailed this morning for Sydney with 325 bags maize, 16,000ft sawn pine, 130 boxes butter, 13 bundles hides, 3 bales skins, 437 railway sleepers, and a quantity of sundries.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Allinga, s, sailed for Sydney with 197 bales chaff, 116 bags potatoes, 35 bags oatmeal, 40 bags flour, 22 boxes raisins, 5 bags barley, 77 bales hay, 24 bales fodder, 10 cases fruit.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Thursday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Trade throughout produce departments to-day was exceptionally quiet, and the approach of the month-end has already become noticeable in the curtailment of orders generally. The turnover in forage, grain, and dairy markets was of meagre dimensions, and the only line displaying any degree of firmness was lucerne, which is under the influence at present of a "weather boom." Deliveries of produce at Redfern were light, but buyers showed but little eagerness to purchase.

In dairy produce departments a quiet day was passed, while quotations were identical with those ruling yesterday. The butter arrivals continue to be of great bulk, and, as will be seen from the under-mentioned figures, over 19,000 boxes came to hand by rail and steamer for the week ended on Wednesday. Fully two-thirds of this total forms the surplus over local consumption, and therefore goes to the export trade. The egg market was firm at quotations, owing to the light stocks available and brisk demand. About 100 casks of Adelaide eggs are expected to arrive shortly. It is thought that should this consignment not be placed on the market to-morrow, values will probably be enhanced. Bacon and cheese were in fair request at late rates.

Chaff was in light supply, but buyers were indisposed to operate largely, and transactions were consequently very limited. A consignment of choice new green wheaten changed hands at £4 1s 8d per ton at auction. Tasmanian derrick straw at £2 per ton supplied all inquiries in the absence of local makes. Oaten hay was unchanged. Holders of lucerne on the wharf were able to conclude sales without trouble at very firm rates, buyers being still more anxious to operate. Sales of both small and large baled choice hay were made at £3 per ton. The Newcastle steamer brought 185 bales to hand this morning, while 11 truckloads arrived by rail. Sellers at auction received top rates for consignments, demand ruling very strong. The oat market still continued quiet and dull, while arrivals both of interstate and local grain were extremely light. Business in maize to-day was not of much consequence, and holders quoted previously-quoted prices. No Queensland or inland grain arrived to-day, but this fact did not accentuate inquiry for river corn. Chickwheat was offered in numerous parcels, but buyers were unwilling to operate unless at lower rates. The Associated Millers again advanced the price of pollard, to-day's quotation being 8½d per bushel. The prevailing dry weather has been the chief factor in firming this market, but agents for country mills were willing to do business at a fractional cut rate. New Clarence River potatoes were sold at £5 per ton, and a firm market is anticipated on Friday. Wellington onions were in good demand at unchanged rates.

Wholesale quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon and Hams.—Best factory, sides 5½d to 6½d, flitches 5½d to 6d, middles 7d to 7½d York Castle, sides 6½d, flitches 6½d, middles 7½d to 8d; Federal, sides 6½d, flitches 6½d, middles 7½d to 8d; Pineapple, middles 7½d, flitches 6d, sides 6½d; Bodalla, sides 6½d, middles 7½d, flitches 6d; F. F. and L., sides 6½d, flitches 6d, middles 8d; B in circle, sides 6½d, flitches 6d, middles 7½d. Hams: Colonial, in cloth, 8d, small weights 9d; Pineapple, 10½d; New Zealand, 11d; York Castle, 10d to 10½d; Bodalla, 11d; F. F. and L., 10½d; B in circle, 10½d; Federal, 10d lb.

Butter.—Choice selected brands 9d, prime 8½d to 8¾d, seconds 8d, pastry makes 7½d lb.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf 4½d to 4¾d, choice 5d, good 3½d to 4d, prime large 4½d, inferior from 3½d; Kameruka Cheddar, 6d; Edams, 8d; Bodalla, 6d lb.

Eggs.—Northern 7½d to 8d, odd lots 8½d; South, 8½d, choice 9d; suburban new-laid, 9½d to 10d doz.

POULTRY.

Fowls.—River: Hens 3s to 3s 3d, young roosters 3s 6d to 3s 9d; English river ducks, 3s to 3s 6d; Muscovy ducks, river 3s 3d to 3s 6d, drakes 3s 3d to 3s 6d; geese, 6s to 7s; turkeys, gobblers 10s to 13s, choice 15s, hens 6s to 7s; guinea fowls, 3s 6d to 3s 9d pair.

GAME.

Pigeons.—Common 2s, Wonga 3s to 3s 6d pair.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted at 6½d to 7d, and pollard at 8d to 8½d bus.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Local: Choice new wheaten £4 1s 8d, prime £3 1s 8d to £3 15s, medium £2 10s to £2 18s 4d, inferior £2. Melbourne: Oaten, £2 10s to £2 15s. Adelaide: £3 to £3 10s ton.

Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: £3 10s. Local: Prime £3 6s 8d, medium £3 ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: Tasmanian, £2 ton; local, nominal.

Lucerne.—Wharf: Prime dry green £2 5s to £2 10s, choice £2 15s, choice small bales £3, new green £2 5s, brown sweated £2, soft new green £1 10s to £2, rough dry £1 15s to £2. Redfern: Choice green small bales £2 16s 8d, prime £2 13s 4d, medium large bales £2 5s, truss £2 10s to £2 13s 4d ton.

FEED-GRAIN MARKET.

Oats.—Melbourne: Algerian, 1s 8d to 1s 9d. Tasmanian: White feed 2s 3d to 2s 4d. Local: Algerian: 1s 6d to 1s 7d bus.

Barley.—Cape, 2s to 2s 3d; English, 2s 3d bus.

Maize.—River: Prime yellow 2s 7d, white grain 2s 6d bus.

Peas.—Grey 3s to 3s 3d, blue 4s 3d to 4s 7d bus.

Chickwheat.—Inferior and pinched 2s to 2s 3d, medium 2s 4d to 2s 7d, and full-grain 2s 8d to 2s 10d, second milling 2s 11d to 3s bus.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—New, 3s 2d; old, nominal, 3s 5d to 3s 5½d bus.

Flour.—Lines at from £8 5s to £8 10s, small lots up to £9 ton.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Circulars, nominal; Clarence River, new, £5; Ballarat, £3 to £3 10s ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Wellington, N.S.W.: Prime, £5 to £5 5s ton.

Honey.—Choice 2½d, prime 2d to 2¼d, good 1½d lb, for tins containing 60lb.

Lard.—Bulk 3½d to 3¾d, bladders 4½d, Bodalla 4½d, lb.

Beeswax.—Dark 1s 1d, light 1s 2d lb.

REDFERN SALES.

Consignments of forage were in fair supply, while grain was represented merely by wheat at the Redfern produce yards this morning. Buyers were in the usual attendance, but apart from the continued firm demand for lucerne competition proved inanimate. A choice new green wheaten consignment realised the fancy price of 4s 1d. Prime sold at from 3s 1d to 3s 7d, and medium 2s 6d per cwt. The 11 trucks of lucerne offered met with keen inquiry. Choice Mudgee hay cleared at 2s 10d, prime sold at 2s 6d and 2s 8d, medium large bales at 2s, and prime green truss makes at 2s 7d and 2s 8d per cwt. Prime rack oaten hay found a buyer at 3s 4d, medium coarse at 3s, and inferior at 1s 9d per cwt. Chickwheat came in for moderate attention at unchanged prices. One consignment of prime chickwheat strongly affected with weevil brought 2s 7½d, while medium grain sold at 2s 6d, and inferior at 2s and 2s 1½d per bushel. Prime Wellington onions were disposed of at from 5s to 5s 3d, and picklers at 10s per cwt.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. Ellis and Co., H. M. Suttor and Co., J. Bridge and Co., Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker, J. W. Gray and Co., H. Prescott and Co., R. Hall and Son, Geo. Wells and Matthews, Dent and Perry, J. Bartram and Son, Dalton Bros., and the Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society.

The produce forward consisted of 38 trucks, in the following proportions:—Chaff 15 trucks, lucerne 11, oaten hay 3, wheat 6, and onions 3.

Consignments were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From Furner Bros., Coolamon, (9660) 3s 5d; Baker, Spring Hill, (10068) passed; T. Barr, Moonbi, (9747) passed; H. Fitzgerald, Orange, (594) 3s 7d; J. Ritchie, Forbes, (8650) 4s 1d; R. Webb, Webb's siding, (4668) 3s 6d; J. Byrnes, (11114) 3s 3d cwt, (11171) passed, (11067) passed, (1141) passed; Bratherton, Bowning, (2252) passed; Gray and Co., Bomen, (2927) 3s 7d; T.W. White, Eulomogo, (7350) 3s 3d; N. M'Callum, Marrar, (3009) 3s 1d; A. Voss, Uranquinty, (6547) 3s 6d cwt.

Lucerne.—From Smith, Morpeth, (6391) passed; Grainger and Falkiner, Singleton, (10698) 2s; W. Mogg, Mudgee, (x222) 2s 6d; A. Cox, (6861) passed; Caughey, (3213) 2s 10d; F. Mogg, (2247) passed; Jas. Marks, (3787) 2s 10d; Laidlaw Bros., Moonbi, (2739) 2s 8d; P. Vaughan, Mulgrave, (221) 2s 8d; G. Greentree, Windsor, (31) 2s 8d; F. Ryan, (7219) 2s 7d.

Oaten Hay.—From Robt. Beacroft, St. Marys, (1738) 1s 9d; D. G. Turner, (6094) 3s; T. Cheney, Perth, (1680) 3s 4d cwt.

Wheat.—From G. W. Pigott and Co., Manilla, (3510) part 2s 6d; Brunton and Co., Clyde, (8551) 2s, (517) 2s 1½d; ex Wellington, (2375) passed; M'Intyre and M'Intosh, Quirindi, (334) passed; ex Darling Harbour, (3327) 2s 7½d bushel.

Onions.—From Wellington, (2375) 2s; Church Bow 200 bags 5s 3d, (5520) 102 bags X, 31 bags B L over W part 5s 3d, (5405) 86 bags X passed, 109 H R part 5s, and 3 bags picklers 10s cwt.

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RANDWICK, Gray's Estate.—Frontages to Coogee Bay-rd and Judge-st. To-morrow. R. and H.—Advt.

CHATSWOOD, Havilah Estate, close to station.—Tors., easy trms. Auc. To-morrow. Raine-Horne.—Advt.

GRAY'S ESTATE.—Torrens title, close to tram and Coogee Bay. To-morrow. R. and H.—Advt.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Quotations for fruit at the metropolitan markets to-day underwent no fluctuations whatever. Business was still of a brisk nature, oranges, lemons, and cherries receiving the bulk of attention at full rates. The dry, hot winds have eradicated strawberries entirely from the stalls.

Current quotations were:—

Bananas.—Queensland: 3s to 5s bunch, 11s 6d to 12s case. Fiji: Nominal.

Cocoanuts.—Nominal.

Pineapples.—Common, 7s 6d to 8s; Queens, 7s to 7s 6d case.

Strawberries.—Nominal.

Apricots.—Good 7s to 8s, small 5s to 6s half-case.

Cherries.—Local: 3s 6d to 7s. Melbourne: 5s to 8s quarter-case.

Gooseberries.—Melbourne: 3s to 4s 6d. Tasmanian: 4s to 5s quarter-case.

Tomatoes.—Local: 4s 6d to 5s. Queensland: 3s 6d to 4s quarter-case.

Oranges.—Choice 14s to 15s, prime 10s to 13s, medium 8s 9d, small 5s to 6s gin-case.

Lemons.—Choice 3s, prime 2s to 2s 6d, good 1s 6d, small 1s gin-case.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of November 28, 38 sheep vans and 117 cattle waggons; for the sale of December 1, 63 sheep vans and 204 cattle waggons.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

Auctions for the week were brought to a conclusion to-day, Thursday, in the Sydney Wool Exchange, Bridge-street, when catalogues were submitted by the undermentioned brokers.

Offerings and sales were as follows:—

Brokers.	Offered.	Sales. At auction.	Sales. Privately, ex Catalogue.	Sales. Privately, Uncatalogued.	Total.
John Bridge and Co., Ltd.	4927	4043	680	89	4812
Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd.	1038	901	—	—	901
Co-operative Wool and Produce Co., Ltd.	2830	2430	144	89	2663
Totals	8795	7374	824	178	8376

John Bridge and Co. brought forward a large catalogue, which comprised a very good selection of wools in the grease, including some choice lots from New England and Tasmania, and a good representation from the Central and Southern districts of this State. Scoured was in small supply.

For greasy merino they obtained up to 15d, this price being paid for 29 bales fleece marked Leven Banks over Tasmania, a fine, soft, bright wool, of good spinning character, absolutely free, and in light condition.

Other sales were:—TC over Emu Creek (Walli), 41 at 11½d, 8 pieces at 8d, 5 lambs at 5d, fine, soft, and bright. CB over Winscombe over New England, from Bundarra, 30 at 13½d, 18 at 12½d, 12 at 12½d, 10 at 12d, 7 at 11d, 11 first pieces at 9½d, fine, soft, bright, a little seedy. GB over Laura over New England (Bundarra), 26 at 14d, 9 at 13d, 7 at 13d, 7 BW at 8½d, 17 first pieces at 13d, 17 second pieces at 10d, fine, long, sound, bright, and free. GJ over Mylora (Binalong), 62 at 14d, 31 at 12½d, 14 at 11½d, 5 lambs at 11½d, 14 first pieces at 12d, 36 second pieces at 9½d, 8 lambs pieces and bellies at 6½d, 19 bellies at 8½d, 9 locks at 4½d, fine and soft, very bright, well got up. HC over Parsons' Creek (Coolac), 7 at 12d, 31 at 12½d, 4 at 10½d, 9 pieces at 11½d, 5 second pieces at 8d, 4 bellies at 8d, fine quality, long and sound, soft, good condition. TH over X over Rosegreen (Junee), 20 at 12d, 17 BF at 10½d, 10 pieces at 8½d, 6 bellies at 7½d, fine, long, soft condition. GM over Ravensworth over Yass over N.S.W., 5 black at 13½d, 51 bellies and pieces at 9½d, 9 clips at 4½d, very good quality, long, soft, well got up. Carrigan (Trangie), 62 at 8d, 12 pieces at 6½d, 6 bellies at 5½d, 4 locks at 2½d, good quality, long, sound, dusty, and very burry. YY over Spring Valley (Jerilderie), 34 at 9½d, 8 pieces at 7d, 4 bellies at 5½d, long and sound, carrying a little weight, few burrs. JF over Rosemount (Jugiong), 24 at 12½d, 10 at 12½d, 22 at 11½d, 20 first pieces at 10d, 18 second pieces at 8½d, 8 bellies at 7d, 10 locks at 3½d, fine, long, soft, few ticky fleeces. F over Glenarchy (Cootamundra), 26 at 10½d, 8 at 9½d, 9 first pieces at 10d, 10 second pieces at 8½d, 4 bellies at 7½d, fine quality, sound, a little dusty tip. BB over Mudgee (Burrendong), 47 at 10½d, 24 at 9½d, 8 at 9d, 11 lambs at 1d, 16 first pieces at 8½d, 12 second pieces at 7½d, 7 bellies at 6½d, 9 locks at 3½d, good quality, shafty, carrying a little weight. Clarendon over JW over Tasmania, 15 at 13½d, 19 at 13½d, 14 pieces at 8½d, 6 B at 7½d, very fine quality, soft, nice character. JM over J over Brushy Creek over New England (Guyra), 23 at 14d, 8 at 13½d, very good quality, long, sound, bright. Claris over Junee over 1304, 11 at 12½d, 11 at 12d, 25 at 11½d, 4 at 10d, 10 first pieces at 9½d, 7 bellies at 7½d, very fine quality, soft, part short. Claverton (Dubbo), 18 at 9d, 37 at 9½d, 4 A lambs at 5½d, 5 lambs at 4d, good quality, long and sound, a little seedy and weighty. Gobrig over Q in diamond (Gobaralong), 21 at 11½d, 4 stud e at 10½d, 10 w at 11½d, 4 h at 10½d, 13 seconds at 10½d, 6 first pieces at 10d, 5 second pieces at 7½d, 5 bellies at 7d, fine, soft, fairly dry. JS in circle over Cullingeria (Temora), 7 at 12d, 10 at 11½d, 29 at 11d, 4 A lambs at 8½d, 15 pieces at 9½d, 6 B pieces at 6½d, 5 bellies at 7d, 6 locks at 3d, fine, good condition, few tender fleeces. RH over Gobabla (Nevertire), 46 at 8½d, good quality, sound, rather dusty and seedy. LFS over Mount Pleasant (Cootamundra), 29 at 10½d, 4 bellies at 6½d, nice, fine quality, soft, carrying a little weight. 1XM (Nevertire), 9 at 8½d, 15 at 8d, 18 at 8d, 30 broken at 7½d, 10 pieces at 5½d, 7 bellies at 5½d, very good quality, long, and sound, carrying a fair amount of burr. Burrendong over TC, 106 at 10½d, 14 at 9½d, 7 first lambs at 9½d, 6 lambs at 4d, 40 first pieces at 9½d, 21 second pieces at 7½d, 18 bellies at 6½d, 15 locks at 3½d, good quality, long and sound, well got up. FS over Coolac, 18 at 11½d, 32 at 11½d, 7 lambs at 7d, 26 first pieces at 10½d, very good quality, long, bright, sound. WK over D (Tumut), 6 at 12½d, 14 first pieces at 11d, 7 second pieces at 8½d, 4 bellies at 8d, fine, soft, bright, free. P. Ryan over Cashel (Pilliga), 44 at 9½d, long and sound, rather burry, a little dusty.

Scoured brought up to 19½d for the following lots, viz.:—18 bales first E marked E over Fairfield, from Bourke, fine, in fair condition, some seeds; and 6 bales Curraghs over WC (Cunnamulla, Q.), of fine quality, soft, fairly dry, little seedy. Of the latter mark 7 bales brought 17d, 11 bales 13½d, 6 first pcs 14½d, 11 at 14½d, and 8 second pcs 12½d.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company's offerings consisted chiefly of scoured wools, some good useful lots from Queensland and Riverina being included. In the greasy division no high-class lots were on offer, although there was a very fair representation of this class.

The highest price for greasy merino was 12d, obtained for 41 bales AW of the S&S over New England clip, from Inverell, a wool of good quality, well grown, generally dry, and practically free. Other sales were:—TR (Hay), 18 at 8½d, 5 dingy at 8d, useful quality, deep grown, dusty backs. AML conjoined (Hay), 13 at 8½d, 6 2nd rams at 7½d, 7 1st pieces at 7½d, 7 dingy at 7½d, useful quality, deep grown, dusty backs. U&J between angles (Hillston), 6 at 9½d, 10 at 8½d, 14 at 7½d, 10 broken at 8½d, 7 1st pieces at 8½d, 11 2nd pieces at 7½d, 5 bellies at 6d, bold quality, bulky, red tinged, part short and heavy. S&S over New England (Inverell), 41 at 12d, 5 at 11d, 19 at 11d, 16 B fleece at 9½d, 13 1st pieces at 8½, as above described. R in diamond over Mimosa (Temora), 11 2nd pieces at 8½, 9 3rd pieces at 3d, 4 stained pieces at 4½d, 15 3rd lambs at 5½d, free, heavy condition.

Scoured brought up to 19½d for 10 bales C&S over Naranderra, the wool being fine and bright, a little short, but very dry, few motes. Other sales were:—AML, conj. (Hay), 4 1st comeback at 18½d, 6 A pieces comeback at 12d, 5 stained pieces comeback at 10d, 31 A pieces at 15d, 18 at 14½d, 38 bellies at 12½d, 39 stained pieces at 11½d, 21 locks at 10d, 40 3rd lambs at 9½d, 4 stained pieces at 6½d, bulky, deep grown, free, fair condition, a little tinged, part rather seedy and burry. BRLN (Naranderra), 4 fleece at 18d, 11 pieces at 14½d, 10 bellies at 14½d, 4 stained pieces at 10½d, 5 locks at 10½d, 4 pieces comeback at 14½d, 5 pieces xbd at 12½d, 5 bellies xbd at 10½d, bright, rather seedy, well scoured. WB conj. over Alice Downs, from Blackall (Q.), 10 at 19d, 30 at 19d, 7 at 19d, 24 at 18d, 11 at 18½d, 11 at 18d, 11 at 17½d, 6 necks at 15½d, 4 broken at 17½d, 28 at 16½d, 33 pieces at 15½d, 10 at 15½d, 24 bellies at 13½d, 17 stained pieces at 12d, 5 AA at 17d, 4 broken r at 15d, 6 pieces and necks at 14½d, nice quality, good colour, soft, few motes, judiciously scoured. C and S over DBO (Bathurst), 12 at 16½d, 15 at 16½d, 5 1st pieces at 15d, 16 2nd pieces at 12½d, 6 bellies at 10½d, heavy condition, few burrs.

The Co-operative Wool and Produce Company offered a fairly representative catalogue of medium to good greasy, scoured being in limited supply.

For greasy merino they obtained up to 12½d, this price being paid for 8 bales marked AA over Prunella, from Murrumburrah, a fine-fibred wool, light in condition. Other sales were: Bibnia (Coolah), 8 at 11d, 4 at 10d, 7 at 9½d, 9 at 9d, 5 at 10½d, 5 at 9d, 4 at 8½d, 14 broken at 8½d, 5 necks at 9d, 17 1st pcs at 8½d, 18 2nd pcs at 7½d, 6 bellies at 6½d, 31 stained pcs at 5½d, 22 locks at 3½d, fine, well-bred, in good condition. ALSN (Coolah), 4 at 11½d, 9 at 11d, 43 at 11d, 4 at 10½d, 18 at 10½d, 11 at 10½d, 10 at 9½d, 105 at 9d, 6 1st pcs at 7½d, 27 at 7½d, 10 2nd pcs at 5d, 16 1st bellies at 5½d, 8 2nd bellies at 5½d, 20 stained pcs at 3½d, 11 locks at 2½d, 11 super lambs at 9½d, 27 A lambs at 8½d, 4 1st lambs at 7½d, 40 lambs at 5½d, 22 pcs and bellies lambs at 5½d, fine quality, plenty o condition, excellent character, few burrs. W F over Roma (Wee Waa), 13 at 10½d, 24 at 10d, 9 at 9d, 10 at 9½d, 7 at 9½d, 92 broken at 7½d, 44 at 8½d, 13 at 7½d, 5 pcs at 7½d, 10 bellies at 5½d, good quality, few burrs. Warrie over T in circle (Brewongle), 14 at 10½d, 35 at 10½d, 12 at 9½d, 24 1st pcs at 9½d, 14 at 8½d, 10 2nd pcs at 7½d, 7 at 6½d, 6 bellies at 7½d, 7 clips at 3½d, silky, good quality and condition. W over J S over Wandong, (Obley), 8 at 10½d, 27 at 11½d, 4 at 10d, 11 at 10½d, 4 at 9½d, 18 1st pcs at 9½d, 20 2nd pcs at 8½d, 8 bellies at 6½d, medium length of staple, nice condition. XT over Lilburn (Glen Innes), 11 xbd at 9½d, 11 at 10d, 6 at 9½d, 10 at 8½d, 5 at 8½d, good quality, light. E over BN over Manilla, 27 at 8½d, 5 at 8d, 4 1st pcs at 5½d, 5 2nd pcs at 3½d, 10 xbd e at 8d, medium staple, dry, somewhat burry. JNS over Glencoe (Coolah), 32 at 10d, 5 pcs at 7d, 4 bellies at 5½d, fine and in good condition. Quambone, 29 at 8d, 4 at 6½d, 33 1st pcs at 7½d, 9 2nd pcs at 5½d, 12 1st lambs at 6½d, 10 2nd lambs at 4½d, fair quality, earthy.

Scoured brought up to 17½d for four bales first combing, marked TO over A, from Coonamble, a good staple wool, in medium condition. Other sales were:—MN over Noonbah (Coonamble), 21 at 16d, 16 at 15d, 4 first pieces at 10d, good quality and colour, burry.

As compared with the earlier days of the week, the market was practically unchanged, medium merino wools, ranging from 7½d to 9d, however, selling with great firmness. All descriptions of crossbred sold particularly well. For scoured there was also a good market at recent rates, and sales for the week closed at a satisfactory point, though there has been a suspicion of an easier tendency since the receipt of the disappointing news from London regarding the opening of the sixth series.

FAT STOCK SALES.

HOMEBUSH YARDS.—Thursday.

SHEEP.

About 24,080 sheep and lambs were penned at to-day's sales from 81 consignors. The sheep comprised a larger proportion of medium and useful merino wethers and ewes than of late. There were a fair sprinkling of prime and occasional pens of extra prime merino wethers in evidence, particularly a draft of 635 head consigned by W. and F. A. Moses, from Moree, which sold up to 18s 4d, and averaged 17s 5d per head. Only one or two pens of woolly merino wethers were included in the pennings. The ewes ranged from medium and light to prime. Crossbreds were moderately represented, and were chiefly of good to prime quality. There was the usual attendance of buyers, and the market opened fully up to late rates, with an occasional improvement, but speedily receded under dull competition to below last Monday's values, hardening, however, during the later sales and closing strong. Quotations: Prime merino w 14s to 15s 6d, extra prime merino w 16s 6d to 17s 6d, odd pens to 18s 4d, good merino w 12s to 13s, medium and light merino w 9s 6d to 11s, prime merino e 11s to 12s, good merino e 9s 6d to 10s, medium and light 7s 6d to 8s 6d, prime xb w 15s to 16s, extra prime xb w 16s 6d to 17s 6d, good xb w 13s to 14s, medium xb w 11s to 12s, prime xb e 14s to 15s 6d, extra prime and heavy to 19s 4d, good xb e 11s 6d to 12s 6d, medium xb e 10s to 10s 6d, woolly merino w from 19s 4d to 21s 7d. Sales:—

Joseph Leeds and Co.—W. F. Buchanan, Killarney, 5 xb w 17s, 76 w 16s 4d to 16s 6d, 128 15s 9d to 15s 10d, 82 15s 3d; Western agents, 41 w 16s 7d, 158 15s 6d to 15s 9d; A. Buchanan, Millie, 118 h 14s 10d to 15s 1d, 72 13s 11d to 14s; Southern agents, 125 w 14s 4d to 14s 6d; W. Hamilton, Gurley, 113 h 14s 9d to 14s 11d, 186 14s, 123 13s 4d; Western agents, 126 w 14s 3d to 14s 4d; J. Matthews, Milbrulong, 104 w 11s 1d to 13s 9d, 35 9s 8d, 62 e 9s; F. Lenane, Cootamundra, 89 w 12s 8d, 22 11s 5d; M. Flynn, The Rock, 104 w 14s 2d to 14s 3d, 97 13s 1d to 13s 4d.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—G. H. Hebden, Errowanbang, 50 xb w 17s 2d, 65 16s 9d, 142 16s, 13 15s; estate late T. Robertson, Carrathool, 68 w 15s, 182 e 12s 2d, 701 10s 7d to 12s.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—Glenariff station, Coolabah, 20 w 11s 10d, 449 11s 8d, 133 10s 4d; J. Sloane, sen., Stuart Town, 200 w 11s 9d; G. H. Tyers, Narromine, 202 w 15s 2d to 15s 3d, 20 13s 1d, 118 12s 11d; H. J. Bell, Harden, 880 w 13s 8d, 119 11s 11d to 12s 1d; G. A. Church, road, 138 w 10s to 10s 1d, 234 9s 6d; Northern agents, 128 w 14s 6d, 102 13s 5d, 128 r hoggets 13s; Southern agents, 71 e and w 8s; M'Donald Brothers, Junee Junction, 46 stags 13s 5d, 44 w 10s 9d; W. Hoolahan, Burren Junction, 61 hoggets 14s 1d; T. A. Doyle, Muswellbrook, 6 w (woolly) 16s 9d, 15 w 15s 9d, 58 12s to 12s 2d, 4 e and w 9s.

Maiden Brothers.—T. Wyatt, Wee Waa, 112 w 16s 7d, 42 14s 10d; Southern agents, 310 w 15s 9d, 476 14s 7d, 63 12s; S. Caldwell, Scott's Siding, 285 w 14s to 14s 1d, 311 13s 4d to 13s 10d, 60 11s 10d; G. Lonsdale, Berrigan, 15 xb w 15s 7d, 41 13s 6d to 13s 7d; D. Cameron, Wagga, 13 xb w 17s 5d; J. J. Garry, Scott's Siding, 216 w 13s 3d to 13s 7d, 111 12s; J. T. Chew, Bendick Morell, 43 w 13s 11d, 8 11s 6d, 32 r 11s 8d; T. Callan, Woodstock, 132 w 13s 4d to 13s 6d, 68 11s 11d, 19 e 11s 2d; H. W. J. Harrington, Temora, 245 w 12s 6d, 61 11s; J. O'Shannassy, Bomen, 324 w 11s 9d, 92 10s 6d; C. Taylor, Quirindi, 20 w 15s 7d, 75 xb e 14s 4d to 14s 9d; J. J. Sweeny, Forbes, 28 xb e 13s, 176 e 9s 7d to 10s 1d, 88 7s 6d; S. J. Barden, Gilgandra, 190 e 8s 9d to 9s.

J. C. Young and Co.—S. Perrett, Gunnedah, 148 w 15s 8d, 150 13s 5d to 13s 7d; Northern agents, Quirindi, 26 xb w 11s 10d, 132 w 11s 2d, 42 10s 7d; C. T. Seccombe, Moree, 30 w 12s 2d; estate C. Ryals, Cootamundra, 306 w 12s 4d, 64 10s 8d, 30 e 8s.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—T. P. Downey, Grenfell, 119 w 15s 8d, 53 14s 3d, 19 e 12s 2d; J. Goldsmith, Trangie, 331 w 14s 6d to 14s 8d, 65 13s 10d; M. A. Strickland, Wyalong, 558 w 13s 10d, 17 12s; F. Holcombe, Burren Junction, 122 w 14s, 4 13s 9d to 16s; J. C. and C. J. Hamilton, Woolabra, 285 hoggets 13s 4d; Southern agents, Bendick Morell, 43 xb e 13s 5d, 21 11s; T. J. Fawcett, Narrabri, 4 w and e 16s, 4 e 12s 4d, 5 rams 11s; R. Hamilton, Illabo, 113 e 8s 4d to 8s 5d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—A. Barney, Moree, 170 w (woolly) 21s 3d to 21s 7d, 442 19s 1d to 19s 4d, 40 w 14s 5d to 14s 6d; W. and F. A. Moses, Moree, 265 w 17s 11d to 18s 4d, 270 16s 8d; J. S. Vickery, Breeza, 229 w 15s 11d, 471 14s 11d to 15s; Mrs. M'Isaacs, Lockhart, 100 w 14s; A. Croxon, Coonamble, 48 w 12s 6d to 12s 7d, 43 11s 7d; J. Stamm, Nyngan, 91 w 11s 10d, 5 e 10s.

Weaver and Perry.—Cooper and Son, Muswellbrook, 16 w (woolly) 18s 5d, 4 xbd e 13s 5d, 11 w 12s 6d, 124 e 11s, 598 9s 7d; P. Burns, Burren Junction, 49 w h 17s, 5 r 14s; Mrs. Macintyre, Muswellbrook, 80 w 14s 3d, 60 e 11s.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—W. H. Watt, Carrathool, 6 x w 17s 2d, 9 x e 15s, 31 13s 11d, 35 r 14s 7d, 7 11s 1d; W. Hay, Mullengudgery, 78 hogts 14s 6d, 121 14s; M. O'Mahony, Morundah, 44 w 14s 1d, 52 13s 4d; Southern agents, Morundah, 66 e 11s to 11s 1d, 5 10s; Western agents, Wellington, 14 e 10s 6d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—J. Russell, Merah North, 10 xb e 19s 4d, 4 w 19s, 59 xb e 17s 4d, 46 15s, 41 14s 6d; J. F. Rawson, Cathungrill siding, 35 xb w 16s 6d, 6 15s 8d, 69 w 15s 9d to 16s 1d, 175 4s 2d; Walhallow Estate, Breeza, 124 w 15s 11d, 60 15s 2d, 308 14s 8d; H. Crowley, Manilla, 13 w (woolly) 19s, 282 w 15s 2d to 15s 3d, 287 14s 3d to 14s 6d; J. Dawson, Condobolin, 21 w 15s 8d, 74 h 13s 7d; Southern agents, 60 r 14s 10d, 70 14s 6d, 22 13s 10d; N. Hutchinson, Grenfell, 50 w 14s 4d to 14s 5d; D. Weir, Wyalong, 100 w 15s, 90 14s 2d to 14s 7d; Oakleigh Estate, Bourke, 281 w 14s 1d; W. H. Block, Temora, 100 w 14s to 14s 1d, 100 13s; Ashwood Bros., Coolamon, 104 w 12s 8d to 13s 1d; D. Clark, Cowra, 66 xb w 12s 7d to 12s 11d, 34 xb w and e 11s 3d, 77 w 11s, 133 e 9s 8d; A. M. and V. D. Cox, Mudgee, 298 w 11s 6d to 11s 8d.

New Zealand L. and M. Company, Limited.—Webb Brothers, Gunnedah, 9 xb e 13s 10d, 41 w 13s 9d; Northern agents, Burren Junction, 19 xb e 13s.

LAMBS.

Lambs were in smaller supply than of late. All descriptions were forward, including a moderate proportion of prime. Competition was brisk, and values were higher, especially for prime sorts, while other qualities were not much firmer at the opening. All descriptions, however, showed an improvement as the sales progressed, equal to a rise of fully 1s per head, closing strong. Prime lambs 14s 6d to 15s 6d, extra prime lambs 16s 6d to 17s 9d, good lambs 12s 6d to 13s 6d, medium lambs 10s 6d to 11s 6d, young and light 8s 6d to 9s 6d, a few inferior shorn from 4s 5d.

Maiden Bros.—T. Wyatt, 12 14s 8d, 24 13s 5d; T. Callan, 4 15s 9d, 9 12s 10d, 5 (shorn) 11s 3d, 18 9s 7d, 9 10s, 23 (shorn) 9s 7d, 11 11s 4d; A. Bembrick, 77 9s 10d, 250 8s 5d to 8s 6d; D. Cameron, 16 15s 8d, 58 14s 8d, 6 14s 5d, 20 13s 7d; S. J. Barden, 125 13s 6d, 130 11s 11d to 12s, 53 9s 4d; G. Lonsdale, 48 10s 6d to 11s; J. J. Sweeny, 16 11s 6d.

J. C. Young and Co.—J. Gray, Wee Waa, 42 17s 6d to 17s 8d; E. Jurd, Moree, 96 12s 8d to 12s 9d, 22 10s 11d; C. T. Seccombe, 55 11s 11d.

Winchcombe, Carson and Co., Ltd.—J. C. and C. J. Hamilton, 279 (shorn) 14s to 14s 3d; T. J. Fawcett, 10 17s 6d, 36 17s 2d to 17s 4d, 21 15s 1d to 15s 4d; F. Holcombe, 17 13s 11d to 14s 3d, 32 (shorn) 16s 7d, 121 15s 4d; Southern agents, 236 8s 6d, 89 8s 4d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—W. Houlahan, 41 (shorn) at 13s 9d; Northern agents, 120 (shorn) at 13s; S. Browne, 111 at 10s 1d, 109 at 8s 9d; T. A. Doyle, 10 at 9s 6d; Southern agents, 50 (shorn) at 6s 5d, 69 at 4s 5d.

Weaver and Perry.—P. Burns, 36 at 15s 5d, 9 at 14s 11d, 72 at 14s 6d, 28 at 14s 3d to 14s 4d; Mrs. Macintyre, 64 at 14s 1d; Cooper and Son, 25 at 11s, 7 at 9s 3d.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—W. H. Watt, 30 (shorn) at 14s 5d, 82 at 13s 9d to 14s; H. M. Hore, Morundah, 92 (shorn) at 14s 3d, 37 at 13s 2d, 17 at 11s 11d; Western agents, 42 at 13s 9d to 14s 3d, 59 at 13s 6d; W. O'Mahony, 8 (shorn) at 13s 9d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—Estate late J. Wall, 96 15s 1d to 15s 3d, 219 13s 11d to 14s 6d, 45 15s 4d; J. Dawson, 7 14s 3d; N. Hutchinson, 65 11s 9d to 12s 1d.

New Zealand L. and M. Company, Limited.—Northern agents, 45 (shorn) 15s 4d to 15s 6d, 42 16s to 14s 2d, 200 15s 1d to 15s 2d, 148 14s 4d to 14s 3d, 90 10s 7d; Webb Brothers, 228 (shorn) 13s, 50 13s 4d, 92 12s 11d, 30 12s.

CATTLE.

Upwards of 909 cattle were yarded, from 25 consignors. The bulk of the consignments were from the Northern and North-western districts, with 160 head from Queensland, and odd drafts from the West of this State. The yardings comprised a large representation of good, useful, weighty bullocks, with a sprinkling of prime light-weight bullocks, and occasional yards of prime and heavy. Only about a dozen cows were forward. There was a small attendance of buyers at the opening; however, as the supply seemed to be within trade requirements the market opened to free competition at about the values ruling during the past two sale days. This tone, with an occasional hardening tendency, prevailed throughout. Quotations:—Yards of prime bullocks, £8 10s to £9; yards of prime and heavy bullocks, £9 10s to £10 10s; odd extra prime and heavy bullocks, to £11 5s; yards of good bullocks, £7 10s to £8; yards of medium and light bullocks and steers, £6 10s to £7; yards of prime cows, £6 10s to £7; odd choice beasts to £7 5s; yards of good cows, £5 10s to £6. Best medium and light-weight beef may be quoted at 21s to 22s per 100lb.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—J. S. Vickery, Breeza, 54 bullocks to £9 3s, avg £8 8s 4d; W. T. Cadell, Deepwater, 60 bullocks to £8 13s, avg £7 19s.

J. C. Young and Co.—E. H. Wall, Narrabri, 20 bullocks to £9 4s, avg £7 15s 3d.

Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society, Limited.—R. Head, Wee Waa, 25 bullocks and steers to £11 8s, avg £8 13s 9d, 4 cows at £7.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited.—A. Amos, Moree, 40 bullocks to £9 15s, avg £8 19s 6d; H. Simpson, Farley, 12 bullocks at £7 5s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—C. Mott, Boggabri, 37 bullocks to £10 17s, avg £9 5s 7d, 5 bullocks to £10 6s, avg £10 1s 5d; C. Baldwin, Manilla, 30 bullocks to £9 5s, avg £8 13s 3d; Walhallow Estate, Breeza, 30 bullocks to £8 19s, avg £8 12s 11d; W. Fletcher, Narrabri, 30 bullocks to £8 4s, avg £8 0s 7d; Capel Bros., Attunga, 44 bullocks to £8 7s, avg £7 18s 1d; executors J. Rudd, Morundah, 22 bullocks to £8 5s, avg £7 13s; White Bros., Muswellbrook, 70 bullocks to £9 9s, avg £8 19s 8d; E. Vickery and Sons, Whittingham, 30 bullocks to £8 18s, avg £8 10s 9d; J. K. Mackay, Farley, 32 bullocks to £8 6s, avg £7 19s 3d; A. B. Hume, Campbelltown, 10 bullocks at £6 10s; — Kershler, Campbelltown, 1 bullock at £4 15s.

Maiden Bros.—J. R. Lomax, Moree, 80 bullocks to £9 10s, avg £9 5s 6d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—Thos. Fitzpatrick, Queensland, 0 bullocks to £10, avg £8 15s 8d; W. H. Crane, Wasiaida, 10 bullocks to £8 15s, avg £8 1s 8d; Bergin Brothers, Queensland, 102 bullocks and steers to £10 2s 6d, avg £8; J. T. Byrnes, Manilla, 50 bullocks to £9 2s, avg £7 14s 3d; local owner, 1 bull at £3.

Weaver and Perry.—E. R. White, Muswellbrook, 10 bullocks to £8 18s; A. G. F. Munro, Moree, 1 bullock at £8 19s, 2 cows at £7 2s; C. A. Munro, Moree, 19 steers to £7 12s, avg £7 2s; local owners, 1 cow at £5 14s, 2 cows at £5 6s.

CITY YARDS.

William Inglis and Son's live stock report:—Milch cows: Fair supply to hand, viz., 57, comprising all descriptions, a number being very nice cows and heifers. There was a fair attendance of buyers, still competition was dull and sales dragging. Low prices. Best made from £10 to £11 15s; good, £7 10s to £9; medium, £6 to £7; inferior, £4 to £5. We sold 57 at the above quotations; also, 28 dry and fat cattle from £3 to £6 15s. Fat calves: On Wednesday 358, and on Thursday about 35 yarded, comprising a large proportion of small young calves, with a few weighty sorts of only medium quality. Scarcely any prime calves forward. Notwithstanding the large yarding competition was fairly brisk, and prices for any heavy sorts, really good small young descriptions also, were a shade firmer than last week's low rates. We sold:—35 the Hunter, 10s to 70s 6d; 20 South Grafton, 22s to 56s 6d; 30 South Coast, 12s 6d to 35s; 15 Campbelltown, 13s to 40s 6d; 10 Rooty Hill, 18s to 37s; and 36 various owners, 10s to 55s 6d. Fat pigs: This week brought forward a rather heavy supply, 477 being yarded on Friday and 1378 on Tuesday. The majority of those to hand were porkers, with a fair number of baconers and a few backfat pigs. The market for porkers both on Friday and Tuesday was dull and prices lower, but prime baconers (not too heavy) and backfat pigs sold well, prices for these being firm at last week's quotations. We sold:—35 Picton, 10s to 36s 6d; 90 Clarence and Macleay Rivers, 18s 6d to 46s; 41 Dungog, 18s to 42s 6d; 13 Camden, 23s to 42s; 15 Campbelltown, 12s 6d to 42s; 12 Thirlmere, 30s 6d to 44s; 8 Rookwood Asylum, 40s to 45s 6d; 32 various owners, 17s to 39s. Quotations:—Backfatters (prime and heavy), 60s to 80s; good ditto, 48s to 55s; bacon pigs, prime heavy 48s to 52s, prime light 42s to 46s; porkers, prime heavy 27s to 30s 6d, prime light 24s to 26s, medium 17s to 21s 6d; store pigs, 17s to 23s 6d; slips, 12s to 15s.

Maiden Brothers sold 400 pigs also 40 calves at top rates.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., sold 70 pigs to 38s and 23 calves to 41s.

J. C. Young and Co. sold 145 pigs to 48s, also small calves to 33s 6d.

Ellis and Co. report at the City Corporation Yards and their Railway stock sale yards:—Milch cows, £4 10s to £11 10s each; fat cows, £5 14s to £8 1s each. Fat calves: 24 (Angus), 28s to 66s 6d; 21 (various), 15s 6d to 54s each. Fat pigs: 18 (Hudson), 24s to 55s; 50 (Nash), 17s to 64s 6d; 30 (Andrews), 18s to 29s; 12 (Erwin), 17s 6d to 24s 6d; 19 (various), 21s to 54s each. Store pigs: 15 (Hudson), 5s 6d to 16s each.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

At Campbell's Hill fat stock sales to-day supplies were light in all sections, and values showed no improvement on Monday's rates. Best yards bullocks made £9 11s, others £7 to £8 10s, cows £4 0s to £5 10s; prime heifer vealers £3 14s to £4, others 30s to 41s. Sheep: Shorn wethers, tops 15s to 15s 9d, seconds 12s 9d to 14s 3d; lambs, 11s to 12s. Pigs: Heavy baconers made 45s to 54s, porkers 19s 3d to 25s, stores and slips 11s 9d to 15s, suckers 3s 9d to 6s 9d.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Dalgety and Co., Limited, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, and Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited, report:—

Tallow.—Prime, bright samples advanced 10s per ton, while medium sorts also ruled slightly higher. Inferior tallows and broken packages were unaltered. Quotations: Prime mixed, £21 5s to £21 15s per ton; medium to good mixed, £19 10s to £21; inferior mixed, £15 to £19; broken packages, from £14. 472 casks were offered, and 276 sold.

Hair, Horns, and Sundries.—Shank bones and knuckles ruled lower, while all other lines were unchanged. Quotations:—Horsehair sold to 23½d per lb; cowhair to 13d; stumps, to 8½d; shank bones, best round, to £6 12s 6d per ton, ordinary mixed to £3 17s 6d; buttocks to £7 10s; knuckles to £3 15s; hoofs, best white, to £12, striped to £7 15s, black to £7, mixed £4 to £5 10s; hide pieces to £9 10s; sinews, best (nom.) to £23 15s, ordinary to £18; pizzles to £7 10s; horns to 64s 6d per 100; beeswax, 12½d to 13½d per lb.

MAITLAND PRODUCE SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

At the farmers' produce sales yesterday lucerne hay was in very large supply and good demand. Prime dry green made 50s to 55s per ton, soft green 40s to 47s, wheaten brown and inferior 34s; oaten hay, 55s to 60s; wheaten hay, 50s to 55s per ton; chaff, 2s 9d per bag; maize, 2s 6d per bushel; lucerne seed, 1s to 1s 1d per lb; sorghum seed, 1½d per lb; potatoes, 4s 6d to 5s per cwt; onions, 6s 3d to 6s 6d per cwt; turnips, 4s 6d per bag; peas, 1s 1½d to 1s 6d per peck; beans, 1s to 1s 6½d per peck; cabbage, 1s 6d to 2s per dozen; tomatoes, 1s to 3s per dozen; cucumbers, 1s 6d to 2s per dozen; oranges, 5½d to 8½d per dozen; lemons, 2½d to 4½d per dozen; peaches, 2d to 3d per dozen; fowls, 2s 6d to 3s 3d per pair; ducks, 3s 3d to 4s 6d per pair; geese, 4s 11d to 5s 3d per pair; turkeys, roosters 11s 6d to 13s per pair, hens 6s to 7s per pair. At the weekly sales of butchers' produce best heavy hides made 20s to 22s 9d, light and medium 11s 6d to 16s; yearlings, 3s 6d to 6s 6d; calfskins, 6d to 2s 3d; best fullwoolled merino sheepskins, 7s 3d to 7s 10d; seconds, 5s 9d to 6s 9d; crossbreds, 5s to 6s; merino pelts, 2s to 3s 6d; crossbreds, 1s 9d to 2s 6d; tallow, £16 per ton, casks returned.

GLADSTONE MEAT WORKS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The tenth ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Gladstone Meat Works, Queensland, Limited, was held at Gladstone to-day. The report and balance-sheet showed a profit for the year of £1333. The number of cattle treated from October 1, 1903, to September 30, 1904, was 10,531. The directors were re-elected. The chairman denied a statement that Lakes Creek Co. proposed to purchase the Gladstone Meat Works. There was no foundation for such a report. He said he did not know when the works would resume operations.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Queen Victoria Market this morning fruits sold as follows:—Almonds, 8d to 5d per lb; apples, 4s to 10s per case; cherries, 2d to 4d per lb; green gooseberries, 1½d to 2½d ditto; oranges, 6s to 10s per case; lemons, 3s to 4s ditto; loquats, 1d to 2d per lb; strawberries, 4d to 8d ditto.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The mining market yesterday, although active, was without distinctive feature. Considerable business was transacted in Barrier shares, but values were without material change. Several lines were a trifle easier, and sold at lower rates. Broken Hill North, also Souths and South Blocks, were amongst those which appeared to be a fraction weaker. New South Wales lines were fairly firm, and there was a good inquiry. Mount David are still improving, and sales reached 1s 7d. New Hillgrove and Baker's Creek were also in better demand. In Queensland mines, South Glanmire and Monkland were disposed of at 10s, and Queen Cross Reef at 22s 9d. Western Australian market maintains a satisfactory position, and the majority of companies are fairly firm.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COAL.		
Bellambi	—	1 11 0
East Greta	—	0 4 0
Hebden Greta	—	0 12 6
Hetton	1 18 0	2 5 0
Newcastle	1 0 0	[illegible]
Stockton	—	0 8 6
Vale of Clwydd	0 14 6	0 17 6
Wallsend	24 0 0	25 0 0
Waratah	0 6 0	0 9 0
Wickham and Bullock Island	—	0 1 3
Ditto, preferential (£1 paid)	0 3 9	—
COPPER.		
Girilambone Mining	0 1 5	0 1 7
Mungana (Chillagoe)	0 0 [illegible]	—
New Chillagoe	0 1 5	—
TIN.		
Smith's Creek Proprietary	0 3 0	0 3 9
Stannary Hills	0 1 4	0 1 6
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 15 6	0 16 9
Ditto, new	0 13 9	0 14 9
Broken Hill Proprietary	2 4 9	2 5 0
Block 14	0 13 6	0 13 10½
Ditto, preference	0 14 0	0 15 0
B.H. Junction	0 7 9	0 8 1
Junction North	0 9 0	0 10 0
B.H. North	1 10 0	1 11 0
B.H. South	2 8 0	2 8 6
Ditto, contributing	—	2 2 0
B.H. South Blocks	0 6 9	0 7 0
Ditto, contributing	—	0 3 2
New White Leads	0 1 3	—
Sulphide Corporation, preference	0 17 0	—
Sulphide Corporation, ordinary	0 8 1	0 8 5
Tasmania.		
Curtin and Davis	0 0 6	0 1 0
Tasman Ophir	0 0 3	—
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 1 10	—
Ballarat of New South Wales	0 3 0	—
King's Reef	—	0 0 10
Mount David	0 1 6½	0 1 8
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 10 3	—
Sunlight	0 0 3	—
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Araluen Central	0 12 3	—
Ditto, contributing	0 11 3	—
Araluen Proprietary	0 3 4	0 3 6
Associated	0 5 0	—
Buckland River	0 2 0	—
Cope's Creek	0 7 0	—
Federal Centrifugal	0 0 4	0 0 6
Jembaicumbene Middle Ground	0 3 0	—
Queensland.		
Bonnie Dundee	0 1 6	—
Brilliant Block	—	0 11 0
Brilliant Central	0 27 0	0 30 0
Brilliant Extended	—	0 13 0
Ditto, contributing	—	0 9 9
Brilliant St. George	—	1 0 6
Ditto, contributing	—	0 17 6
Day Dawn Gold Mines	—	0 3 2
Grand Junction	0 2 6	—
Kelly's Queen Block	—	0 2 0
Marshall's Queen	0 3 9	—
Ditto, contributing	0 2 6	0 3 6
Mount Morgan	0 45 0	—
Papuan	0 2 9	—
Queen Central	0 4 9	0 4 11
Queen Cross Reef	1 2 6	1 3 9
Ruby	0 3 3	—
Ditto, contributing	0 2 3	0 2 9
Vesuvius	—	0 3 3
Victoria G. M. Association	—	0 1 0
Victoria and Caledonia Block	0 2 6	0 3 0
Ditto, contributing	0 1 6	0 2 0
Victoria and Queen	0 2 0	—
Gympie.		
Columbia Smithfield	0 0 6	0 1 2
East Oriental and Glanmire	0 3 1	0 3 6
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 1	—	0 1 0
North Smithfield	0 5 1	0 5 6
Oriental Consols, contributing	—	0 1 6
Phoenix Golden Pile	0 0 8	—
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 9 3	0 10 0
South Great Eastern, No. 2	1 17 6	1 19 0
Western Australia.		
Associated	1 15 0	1 18 6
Ditto, Northern Blocks	1 6 6	1 8 6
Chaffer's	0 1 1	0 1 4
Great Boulder	1 1 6	1 2 4½
Great Fingall Consolidated	—	8 10 0
Ivanhoe	—	8 5 0
Kalgurli, London register	5 18 0	6 5 0
Kalgurli North, London register	—	0 5 9
Kalgurli South, London register	—	1 2 0
Lake View Consols, L.R.	1 1 0	1 4 6
Oroya-Brown Hill	3 9 0	—
Queensland Menzies	0 3 3	0 4 0
Queen Margaret	0 6 0	0 7 0
Victory United	0 3 6	0 4 0

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Overnight: Princess Royal, W.A., 26s; Grand Junction, 2s 10d. On 'Change: Brilliant Block, paid, 10s 8d; Queen Cross Reef, 22s 9d. Later: Mount David, 1s 6½d; Baker's Creek, 2s. Noon: Broken Hill Proprietary, 45s; Mount David, 1s 7d; New Hillgrove Proprietary, 10s 3d; Broken Hill South, paid, 48s 6d; South Glanmire and Monkland, 10s. Later: Broken Hill Junction, 8s; North Broken Hill, 31s 6d; Broken Hill Junction North, 9s 10½d; New Hillgrove Proprietary, 10s 3d; Baker's Creek, terms one month, 2s 1d; Westralia Waihi, 5s 4½d; B. H. South, contributing, 40s 6d. Afternoon: Broken Hill Blocks, 14s, 13s 9d; Sulphide Corporation, 8s 4d. Later: Broken Hill Junction North, 9s 4½d; Broken Hill South, paid, 48s; Broken Hill Proprietary, 45s; New Hillgrove Proprietary, 10s 4½d; Grand Junction Consols, 3s; North Broken Hill, 30s 9d.

Mr. Charles Hill, a Melbourne lode expert, arrived at Guyra last Friday, and visited Backwater, Oban, and Mitchell River, on behalf of Messrs. Rollason and Brandon, legal mine managers. He is now inspecting Cope's Creek, Stanifer, and "The Ponds." Two dividends of 10s each have recently been paid by the N. E. T. D. Company, better known as Oban, and there was a splendid yield last month from Tingha of 126 tons of tin, valued at £86 10s per ton.

There are five dredges in full work at Tingha at present, states our local correspondent, all of which are expected to pay dividends at Christmas. The money for three is already available.

At Backwater, on the Oban (Guyra), Mr. Wilberforce has three dredges under his control, and good tin and gold is being won. About 60 hands are employed. He has accepted a tender to erect two more dredges, one to be called the Cope's Creek Central, situated between Cope's Creek present dredge and the Tinga tin dredge. The second will be erected on the Middle Creek, at Stanifer.

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MINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

GUYRA, Thursday.

Mining in the district is looking well, and some good tin is being won. Brooks and party at Green Gate silver show, six miles from Guyra, are doing good work. A parcel of ore is to be sent to Cockle Creek. Operations at the Black Mountain coal mine tunnel are expected to be resumed in the course of a few weeks. Bath and party, driving on the Aberfoyle River, are still in hard country, and have not struck anything. Further aid has been granted to continue the tunnel 200ft.

BARRIER MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The British plant has had another excellent week's run, treating 2377 tons of crude sulphides, which yielded 415 tons of first concentrates, bulking about 62 per cent. lead, 29½ oz silver, 8 per cent. zinc, also 36 tons seconds, the product assaying 46 per cent lead, 26oz silver, and 12 per cent. zinc. Despatches totalled 822 tons of first concentrates to Port Pirie, which left about 430 tons firsts and 291 tons seconds on the mines' floors at the close of the week. More Wilfley tables are being added to the retreatment plant. The new large winding engine at the Howell shaft has been bedded and screwed down, and the building to house same is nearly completed. The improvements in the grade of sulphides mined is well maintained, last week's averages being 16½ per cent. lead, 11½oz silver, and 15½ per cent. zinc, which is nearly identical with the previous week's assay. As a whole, the stopes are well holding their own, and are kept fully protected by refilling. A comparatively new stope on the sill floor of the main west body at the 500ft level is yielding mill sulphides above the ordinary grade, and at the Howell 600ft level, which is the deepest workings in the British, mill ore of good value is now being returned.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The sales and quotations to-day were:—Associated (col.), 37s 6d, b 37s 6d, s 37s 9d; Associated Northern (col.), b 28s 3d, s 28s 9d; Chaffer's, 1s 3d, 1s 3d, b 1s 3d, s 1s 4d; Cumberland, 10s, 10s 6d, 10s 3d, b 10s 3d, s 10s 6d; Great Boulder, 22s 3d, 22s 4½d, 22s 1½d, b 22s 1½d, s 22s 3d; Main Reef (col.), 4s, b 3s 9d, s 4s; Golden Pole (London), 17s 6d; ditto (col.), 17s 3d, 17s 6d, 17s 4½d, b 17s 4½d, s 17s 7½d; Boulder Perseverance (col.), 12s 10½d, b 12s 9d, s 13s, Hainault, b 15s, s 15s 4½d; Ivanhoe Junction, paid, 1s 8d; ditto, contg, 11d, 1s; Lake South, 1s 1½d, b 1s 1d, s 1s 2d; Oroya-Brown Hill (colonial), b 71s 6d, s 70s; Princess Royal, paid, 25s 6d, 25s 9d, 25s 3d, 25s 9d, b 25s 9d, s 26s; ditto, contg, 25s, 24s 3d, 25s 1½d, b 25s, s 25s 3d; ditto North, 8d, 7½d, ditto Central, 10s; ditto, paid, 6s 10d, 7s 2d, b 7s, s 7s 6d; ditto, 6s; ditto, paid, 4s; ditto Queen Margaret, 6s 6d, 6s 4d, b 6s 4d, s 6s 6d; Queensland Menzies, 3s 10½d, 3s 11½d, b 3s 11d, s 4s; Waihi, 5s 4d, 5s 6d, 6s, b 6s, s 6s 1d; Victory United, 3s 10½d, 3s 11d, 3s 10d, 3s 10½d, b 3s 10½d, s 3s 11d; Baker's Creek, 1s 11d, 2s 3d; Tarcoola Blocks, 5s 6d, b 5s 6d, s 5s 8d; Broken Hill, 44s 9d, b 44s 6d, s 44s 9d; B. H. Blocks 14, ordinary, 14s 3d, 13s 9d, 14s 3d, b 14s 1½d, s 14s 4½d; ditto, preferred, 14s 9d, b 14s 9d, s 15s; British B. H., old, 16s, b 15s 10½d, s 16s; ditto, new, 14s 6d, 14s 3d, b 14s, s 14s 3d; Block 10, 44s 6d, 44s, 44s 6d, b 44s, s 44s; B. H. Junction, 8s 1d, 8s 1½d, 7s 10½d, 8s, b 7s 11d, s 8s 1d; North B. H., 31s 9d, 30s 6d, b 30s 9d, s 31s; Souths B. H., paid, 48s, b 47s 9d, s 48s 3d; ditto, contributing, 41s, 40s 9d, b 40s, s 40s 6d; South Blocks, paid, b 6s 10d, s 7s; ditto, contg, 3s 0½d, 3s, b 3s, s 3s 0½d; Junction North, 10s, 9s, 9s 9d, b 9s 8d, s 9s 9d; Sulphide Corporation, pref., 19s, ord., 8s 5d, 8s 2d, b 8s 3d, s 8s 4d; New White Leads, 1s 6½d, 1s 7d, 1s 6½d, b 1s 6½d, s 1s 7d; Mungana, 8d; Wallaroo, 21s 9d, b 21s 6d, s 21s 9d; Stannary Hills, 1s 5d, 1s 8d, b 1s 7½d, s 1s 8½d; Smith's Creek, 3s 6d, 3s 4d, 3s 6d, b 3s 8d, s 3s 9d.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Sales: No. 1 South Oriental and Glanmire, 2s 10d; East ditto, contributing, 2s 5d; Brilliant Extended, paid, 11s 9d; Queen Central, paid, 4s 10½d.

Quotations: New Chillagoe, b 1s 6d, s 1s 9d; Mungana, b 6d; Stannary Hills, b 1s 5d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

Sales: Day Dawn Mines, 2s 9d; Golden Alexandra, 3s 2d to 2s 11d; Grant and Sunset, paid, 1s 1d; Grand Junction, 3s 2d to 3s 9d; Imperial, 7½d to 8½d; Kelly's Queen Block, 7d; London, 2s 10d; London North, 6d; paid, 1s 1d; New Queen, 2s 2d; North Queen, paid, 2s; Wallis' Day Dawn, 1s 1d, paid 2s.

Quotations: Blue Peter, b 2s 1d, s 2s 4d; Bonnie Dundee, s 1s 3d; Brilliant Central, b 25s, s 28s; Brilliant Block, b 9s 6d; ditto, paid, b 10s 6d; Brilliant St. George, b 16s 3d, s 18s; Clark's Worcester, b 1s 1d, s 1s 3d, Craven's Caledonia, b 4½d, s 7½d; Day Dawn Mines, b 2s 6d, s 3s; Golden Alexandra, b 3s, s 3s 2d; ditto, paid, b 4s 3d, s 5s; Grant and Sunset, b 6d, s 6d; ditto, paid, b 1s, s 1s 1d; Grand Junction, b 2s 7d, s 2s 9d; Imperial, b 8½d, s 9d; Kelly's Queen Block, b 6½d, s 7½d; ditto, paid, b 1s 6d, s 1s 11d; Kulamadau, b 7d, s 7½d; Lady Florence, b 6d; London, b 2s 9d, s 2s 11d; ditto, paid, b 4s 1d; London North, b 3d, s 6d; ditto, paid, b 1s, s 1s 2d; Marshall's Queen, s 2s 8d; ditto, paid, b 2s 11d, s 4s 2d; Mills' United, b 3s 8d, s 4s; New Irish Girl, b 4½d, s 5d; New Queen, b 2s 1d, s 2s 2d; North Queen, s 8d; paid, b 1s 10d, s 2s; Papuan, b 2s 8d, s 3s 3d; Phoebe, s 1s 10d; paid, s 3s 9d; Queen Cross Reef, b 22s 3d, s 23s; Queen Central, b 4s 8d, s 4s 11d; Central Block, s 10d; paid, b 2s 6d; Ruby, 1s 11d, s 2s 2d; paid, b 3s 2d; Ruby United, b 2s 2d, s 2s 3½d; paid, b 3s 4d, s 3s 8d; Vesuvius, b 2s 3d, s 2s 9d; Victoria and Queen, b 2s, s 2s 1d; Caledonia, b 1s 6d; paid, b 2s 6d; Wallis' Day Dawn, b 1s 1d, s 1s 3d; paid, b 2s, s 2s 1d.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

Sales: Columbia Extended, 3½d; South Gympie Gold Mines, 8d; No. 1 North Home Rule, 10½d; South Oriental and Glanmire, b 2s 8d; East Oriental and Glanmire, paid, 3s 3d; North Smithfield, 5s 2d.

Quotations: Columbia Smithfield, b 9d, s 1s; Columbia Extended, b 2½d, s 3½d; South Glanmire and Monkland, b 9s 9d, s 10s 4d; North Home Rule, paid, b 11d, s 1s 3d; ditto, contg, b 10d, s 11d; Oriental and Glanmire (new), b 3s, s 4s 6d; South Oriental and Glanmire, b 2s 7d, s 2s 9d; Oriental Extended, b 2d, s 3d; East Oriental and Glanmire, paid, b 3s 2d, s 3s 3d; East Oriental and Glanmire, b 2s 5d, s 2s 6½d; Phoenix Golden Pile, b 6d, s 1s; No. 4 North Phoenix Tribute, b 2d, s 3d; No. 6 North Phoenix, b 2½d, s 3½d; North Smithfield, b 5s 1d, s 5s 4d; No. 1 North Victory, b 10½d, s 1s.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

Quotations: Volunteer, b 8d, s 1s; Magnet, s 18s; Hercules, b 2s 3d, s 4s 6d; North Mount Farrell, b 1s 2d, s 1s 6d; Mount Bischoff, b £41 2s 6d, s £41 12s 6d; New Brothers' Home No. 1, 24s; Pioneer, b £6 4s 6d, s £6 7s.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The sales and quotations to-day were:—

Silver: Broken Hill Block 10, 44s, b 43s 9d, s 44s 9d; B.H. Block 14, 14s 3d, 14s 1½d, s 14s 6d; ditto, pref., s 16s; British Broken Hill, b 15s, s 16s 3d; ditto, new, b 13s 9d, s 14s 6d; Broken Hill Proprietary, b 44s 9d, s 45s 3d; B.H. Junction, 8s 1d, 8s, s 8s 3d; Junction North, 10s, 9s 7d, 9s 10d, b 9s 9d, s 9s 10d; South B.H., s 41s 6d; ditto, paid, 48s 6d, 47s 9d, b 48s, s 48s 3d; South Blocks, b 2s 11d, s 3s; ditto, paid, s 7s; New White Leads, 1s 6d, 1s 5d, b 1s 5½d, s 1s 6d; North Broken Hill, 31s 3d, 30s 6d, 31s, b 30s 9d, s 31s 1½d; Sulphide Corporation, s 8s 9d; Victoria B.H., 2s 2d.

Copper and Gold: Colonel North, 4d, b 3d, s 4d; Mount Lyell, 14s, 14s 3d, b 14s 3d, s 14s 6d; ditto, Blocks, 2s 6d, b 2s 6d, s 2s 7d; New Chillagoe, 1s 6d, b 1s 6d, s 1s 7d, Crowl Creek, b 15s; ditto, paid, s 20s.

Tin: Mount Bischoff, b £41, s £41 10s; Briseis, 11s 1½d, 10s 10½d, b 10s 9d, s 11s; Briseis Extended, £11, b £10 12s 6d, s £11; Brothers' Home, No. 1, 24s, b 24s, s 24s 3d; Gladstone, b £7 10s; Pioneer, £6 4s, b £6 3s.

Victorian mines: Amalgamated Scots, 4s 2d, b 4s 1d, s 4s 3d; Berry Extended, b 16s 6d; Birthday Tunnel, b 9s 6d, s 10s 3d; Burnt Creek, 5s 9d, 5s 7d, b 5s 7d, s 5s 11d; Cassilis, s 18s 6d; Clarence, 42s 6d, b 41s 6d, s 45s; Duke of Wellington, 13s, b 13s, s 13s 1½d; Excelsior 5d, s 1s; Fortuna Rustler's, 14s 6d, s 15s; Glenfine South, 2s 6d, b 2s 3d s 2s 6d; Great Southern, 29s, b 28s, s 29s; Homeward Bound, 3s 9d, 3s 10½d, b 3s 9d; Hustler's, s 17s; Junction Dredging, b 18s; ditto, paid, b 18s; King Cassilis, 2s 9d, b 2s 6d, s 3s; Lightning Hill, 2s 4d, 2s 5d; Long Tunnel, £5 15s, £6, b £5 19s, s £6 2s; ditto Extended, £18, £17 10s, b £17 10s, s £18; Mount View, 10d, b 9½d, s 10d; Mount Tarrengower, 1s 3d, b 1s 1d, s 1s 3d; New Argus, s 47s; New Dempsey, b 13s 6d; New Hopeful, 12s 3d, b 11s 10½d, s 12s 3d; New Moon, £6 10s, b £6 8s, s £6 12s; New Moon Consolidated, 17s 3d, b 17s, s 18s 6d; Prentice and S., b 5s 9d, s 6s; Russell's Reef, 3s 6d, 3s 2d, b 2s 1d, s 3s 5d; Sea, 21s 6d, b 21s, s 21s 9d; South German, b 7s, s 9s; South New Moon, £11 12s, b £11, s £11 15s; Specimen Hill, s 37s; Spring Hill Leads, b 3s 6d, s 5s; Star of the East, 3s, 3s 6d, b 3s 4d, s 3s 9d; Star of the West, 22s, 21s 9d, b 21s, s 22s; Suffolk Tribute, 25s 9d, 26s 3d, b 26s, s 26s 6d; Victoria Consols, 39s, b 38s, s 39s 6d; White Star, 10d, b 9d, s 11d; Williams' Fancy, b 11s 6d, s 13s.

West Australian mines: Associated, b 36s; ditto Northern Blocks, b 21s 6d; Bayley's Consols, 1s 8d, b 1s 8d, s 2s; Great Boulder, b 22s; Great Fingall Association, b 6s 6d, s 10s; Phillip's River, b 1s 9d; ditto, paid, b 2s; ditto, Option, s 26s; Queen Margaret, b 6s; Tindal's, s 1s; Westralia Waihi, 6s 7d.

A FULL COURT DECISION.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The Full Court to-day gave a decision in Parker versus the Briseis and other mines on the legal question concerning an interpretation of a section of the Assessment Act dealing with the value of the property. The counsel for plaintiff urged that the application of the section was confined to cases wherein the value had to be ascertained for taxation only. The Court disagreed with this limitation, and held that the evidence before Mr. Justice Clark assessed the value, and was conclusive as to negotiable value, but that did not determine the questions at issue between the parties, the object of the action being to obtain damages. The rule nisi was discharged, and the Court decided that the question of costs be left as costs in the cause coming on for hearing later on.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

The following were amongst the quotations for Australian shares on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday:—Associated, 37s (m); ditto, Northern, 27s 6d (b); Sons of Gwalia, 41s 3d (b); South Kalgurli, 21s 3d (b); Great Boulder, 23s (s); Great Fingall, £8 3s (s); Kalgurli, £5 19s (m); Oroya Brown Hill, 72s 6d (m); Broken Hill Proprietary, 44s 3d (b); British Broken Hill, 16s 9d (b).

GOLD YIELDS.

No. 1 South Oriental crushed 159 tons for 280oz 9dwt 18gr of smelted gold.

South Glanmire and Monkland crushed 2408 tons for 1505oz retorted gold.

Shareholders in the Broken Hill Junction Mining Company are reminded that applications for shares in the Junction Consolidated Company must reach the secretary pro tem. not later than 30th inst.—Advt.

HAVILAH ESTATE.—Cheapest Land in Chatswood. To-morrow. Raine and Horne.—Advt.

"A Stormy Day on the Hawkesbury" is the title of an interesting illustration contribution in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Equity.—In the matter of the Companies Act, 1899, and in the matter of the Ocean Colliery Company, Limited.—By an order made by his Honor Mr. JUSTICE WALKER in the above matter, dated the twenty-first day of November, one thousand nine hundred and four, on the Petition of The Scottish Australian Mining Company, Limited, it was ordered that the abovenamed Company be wound up by the Court, under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1899, and that WILLIAM HARRINGTON PALMER, one of the Official Assignees of this Court in its bankruptcy jurisdiction, be appointed Official Liquidator of the said Company. Dated this twenty-third day of November, 1904. WESTGARTH, NATHAN, and CO., Solicitors for the said Petitioners, 259 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—No. 16,258.—Re HOLMES SAMUEL CHIPMAN, residing at Pfahlert's Hotel, Margaret-street, Sydney, Merchant.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First MEETING of Creditors in the above matter will be held at Vickery's-chambers, 82 Pitt-street, Sydney, on the 9th day of DECEMBER, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat, his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 6th day of December, 1904. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. L. T. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single MEETING of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 7th day of DECEMBER, 1904, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 3rd day of December, 1904. Re CHARLES EDWARD BIRD (No. 16,323), of Goat Island, Harbour Master. Re WILLIAM MULLER (No. 16,327), of Darling-street, Balmain, Baker. Re JAMES O'SHEA (No. 16,329), of 32 Taylor-street, Surry Hills, and 2 Flinders-street, Surry Hills, Carpenter. Re WILLIAM ALBERT SAYER (No. 16,342), of Fleming-street, North Sydney, and 139 Walker-street, North Sydney, Architectural Modeller. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee. (4e-21)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CATHERINE AGNES O'NEILL, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the first Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Queen's-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the thirteenth day of December, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 24th day of November, in the year 1904. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. MARK MITCHELL, Proctor for Executors, Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of GEORGE GRAHAM WEBB (usually known as GEORGE WEBB), late of Urlarra, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CATHERINE ANN ELIZABETH BUNTINE, the Daughter and only next of kin of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom all claims against the said Estate should be forthwith rendered. ARUNDEL H. GARRAWAY, Proctor for Administratrix, Queanbeyan. By METCALFE and DANGAR, 10 Bligh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CHARLES JONES, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Merchant, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration, with the Will annexed, of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ALBERT JONES, the Executor and sole beneficiary under the Will of Elizabeth Thurlow, the executrix of the Will of the said Charles Jones, deceased; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned, and all creditors are required to send in their claims within the said fourteen days to the undersigned. SLY and RUSSELL, Proctors for Administrator, 369 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of RICHARD NEVILLE SOMERVILLE, late of Hay, but recently of Gordon, in the State of New South Wales, Staff Surveyor, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to THE PERMANENT TRUSTEE COMPANY, LIMITED, the Executors named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. ERNEST TREVOR JONES, Solicitor, 5 Bond-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THOMAS HENRY CHAPMAN, late of Nagambie, in the State of Victoria, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased granted by the Supreme Court of Victoria to HENRY EDMOND HANNAH, the Executor named in the said Will, may be sealed with the seal of this Court; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. DAVID MOSS MYERS, Proctor for Executor, Norwich-chambers, 58 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of GEORGE ISAAC PATTERSON, late of Redfern, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Freeholder, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY PATTERSON, the sole Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. WILKINSON and OSBORNE, Proctors for Executrix, 14 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARY CANNING, late of Hunter's Hill, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY ESTHER CANNING, the Executrix named in the said Will, and all Notices may be served at the office of HEYDON and CONNOLLY, Proctors for said Executrix, Selborne-chambers, 176 Phillip-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARY HIGGS, late of Main-road, Beecroft, in the State of New South Wales, Spinster, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN HIGGS, the Executor named in the said Will, and all notices are to be served at the undermentioned address:—Main-road, Beecroft.

LEGAL NOTICE.

I have this day admitted into my business as PARTNER, Mr. A. C. HOBBS, until recently of No. 88 Pitt-street, Sydney. The new firm will be known by the style of T. E. CRESSWELL and HOBBS, and will carry on business at No. 81 Pitt-street, Sydney.

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KERR.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. KERR, of Kineyah, Crystal-street, Petersham, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Doreen, which will leave the Sydney railway station on arrival of the 8.50 a.m. train from Katoomba, for Waverley Cemetery.
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JARMAN.—The Friends of Mrs. ELIZABETH JARMAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly beloved HUSBAND, Henry, which will leave her residence, corner Ferris-street and Reserve-street, Annandale, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Petersham station, thence to Necropolis.
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THE Officers and Brethren of Court Fortitude, O.R. Foresters, are invited to attend the Funeral of our late Brother, HENRY JARMAN; to move from his residence, Ferris-street, Annandale, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Rookwood.
GEO. E. KRIEGER, Secretary.

REILLY.—The Friends and Relations of the late JANE REILLY are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her daughter's residence (Mrs. Gibson), Spring-street, Burwood, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for St. Paul's, thence by Funeral Train to Necropolis. T. CRISFORD, Undertaker, Burwood.

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HARDGE.—The Friends of Mr. JOS. HARDGE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved GRANDDAUGHTER, Nellie; to move from his residence, Boulevard, Strathfield, THIS DAY, at 2 p.m., for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood, via Strathfield.
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FROST.—The Friends of Mrs. ADAM FROST and FAMILY, Kembla Heights, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved HUSBAND and affectionate FATHER, Adam Frost; to leave residence, Kembla Heights, THIS DAY (Friday), at 2 o'clock, for the R.C. Cemetery, Wollongong. OSBORNE and SON, Funeral Furnishers, Wollongong.

BRENNAN.—The Friends of Mr. GEORGE BRENNAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly beloved WIFE, Annie; to move from his residence, 8 Ewell-street, Balmain, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Church of England Cemetery, Waverley.
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BRENNAN.—CROMWELL LODGE, P.A.F.S.—The Officers and Members of the abovenamed Lodge and sister Lodges are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of the late WIFE of Bro. Geo. Brennan, which will leave his residence, No. 8 Ewell-street, Balmain, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. R. W. PONT, Wor. Master; E. B. SHAW, Secretary.

BUCKLAND.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN THOS. BUCKLAND are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, Arthur; to move from Cottage Hospital, Kogarah, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Sutherland Cemetery, by 2.10 train from Sydney.
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WATERHOUSE.—The Funeral of the deceased Mr. GEORGE WATERHOUSE will leave his late residence, 13 Ridge-street, North Sydney, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3.15, for St. Thomas' C. of E. Cemetery.
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ORMISTON.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. GERTRUDE ELLEN ORMISTON (widow of the late James Edwin Ormiston) will take place at the Church of England Cemetery, Necropolis, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, on arrival of train from Goulburn which reaches the Necropolis platform (Rookwood) at 4.30 p.m., at which time friends please meet.
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ORMISTON.—The Friends of Mr. ALEXANDER W. CORMACK, of Geierstein, Snails Bay, Balmain, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved DAUGHTER, Mrs. Gertrude Ellen Ormiston (widow of the late James Edwin Ormiston), which will take place at the Church of England Cemetery, Necropolis, on arrival of the train from Goulburn, which reaches the Necropolis platform (Rookwood) at 4.30 p.m., at which time friends please meet.

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NOTICE is hereby given that copies of the CITIZENS' ROLLS are now ready and may be had upon application at the City Treasury, Town Hall, Sydney. Price, One Shilling each.
THOMAS H. NESBITT, Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Sydney, 23rd November, 1904.

BELMORE WARD.—E. W. O'SULLIVAN, M.L.A., will speak on behalf of H. C. CATO and JOHN ENGLISH, at Ford's Hotel, Albion-street, at 8, TO-NIGHT.
JAMES SLATER, Chairman; JAMES LEES, FRED. SAUNDERS, J. H. COLLINS, J.P., Joint Hon. Secs.

BELMORE.—DAVID FEALY speaks Byrne's Hotel, Reservoir-Mary sts, 8, TO-NIGHT.

BLIGH WARD.—P. H. MORTON will address the Electors at Flaherty's Burdekin Hotel, William and Bourke streets THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING, at 8 o'clock. Chairman, John Donnellan, Esq., J.P. And SATURDAY, 26th, at Royal Sovereign Hotel, Darlinghurst-road and Liverpool-street, at 8 p.m. John Garland, Esq., Chairman.
W. F. PENNY, A. E. SMITH, Hon. secs.

ELECTORS OF COOK WARD.
ALDERMAN R. W. RICHARDS will address you TO-NIGHT at 8 o'clock sharp, Magong, Bourke and Ridge streets, Surry Hills.
J. J. WALSH and CHARLES LANGER, Hon. Secs.

FITZROY WARD.
ALDERMAN MILNER STEPHENS speaks at the President Lincoln Hotel, corner Woolloomooloo-street and Forbes-street, TO-NIGHT, at 8.

J. J. MACNAMARA will Address the Ratepayers of FITZROY WARD at Revolving Battery Hotel THIS EVENING, at half-past 8 o'clock.
Mr. A. Barry in the chair.

FITZROY WARD.—JOHN BLAKE is a Candidate, and solicits your Support and Influence.

FLINDERS WARD.—A MEETING of the Friends and Supporters of Alderman ROBERT MACKEY will be held at The Hopetown Hotel, Bourke and Fitzroy streets, THIS (Friday) EVENING, at 8 o'clock.
E. BRESSINGTON, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

FLINDERS WARD.
Electors do not pledge your Votes. A Requisition is in course of construction asking Mr. JOHN PHELPS to contest.
DANIEL BRISCOE, J.P.

GIPPS WARD.—Alderman Watkins speaks To-night, 8 o'clock, Beehive Hotel, Princes-st.

GIPPS WARD MUNICIPAL ELECTION.
Messrs. GEO. M'IVOR and W. P. FITZGERALD, the selected Labour Candidates, will Address the Electors of the above Ward at the Ocean Wave Hotel, TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock.

MACQUARIE WARD.
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MACQUARIE WARD.
The Right Hon. S. E. LEES, Lord Mayor, will Address the Electors at Epstein's Hotel, corner of Bathurst and Castlereagh streets, TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock. The Hon. John Macintosh, M.L.C., will preside.
F. E. BALDRY, H. D. CAMPBELL, Hon. Secs.

MACQUARIE WARD.—Alderman E. Lindsay Thompson solicits your Vote and Interest.

PHILLIP WARD.—T. F. Hanratty speaks Broderick's Royal Oak Hotel, Abercrombie-st, To-night, at 8.

PYRMONT WARD.
EX-ALDERMAN W. T. HENSON will ADDRESS the Electors from the Royal Oak Hotel, Union and Pyrmont streets, THIS FRIDAY NIGHT, at 8 o'clock.

PYRMONT WARD.
ALDERMAN ALLEN TAYLOR will Address the Electors from Green Tree Hotel, Harvey-street, THIS (Friday) EVENING, at 8 p.m.
Chairman, Geo. King, Esq.
T. A. CLYNE, Secretary.

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